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THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

OF

Worcester (England)

ST. MICHAEL'S IN BEDWARDINE, WORCESTER,

FROM 1539 TO 1603.

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INTRODUCTION.

IT has somewhere been said that the man who keeps his accounts upon a good system has no need to keep a regular diary, the various items being quite sufficient to bring to his mind the several incidents of his life. In the same way the accounts of the churchwardens of a parish not only reflect in many aspects the history of the parish to which they relate, but also the history of the country, as far as regards at least its ecclesiastical affairs. The accounts of St. Michael's in Bedwardine are no exception to this rule.

St. Michael's in Bedwardine was a small parish lying round the Cathedral of Worcester. In the third year of Elizabeth's reign, 1562, it contained 48 families, and in later days, in 1776, 60 families¹. Green, however, says that in 1779 it possessed 99 houses and 623 inhabitants². It included the Cathedral churchyard, the episcopal palace, now the Deanery, and the charnel-house on the north of the Cathedral; and on the south the castle 'the Keeper of the Castle and his wife paid for seats in 1569' and its hill, reaching down as far as the river. The church, at all events, was not within the limits of the city, sharing in this the circumstances of the Cathedral, so close to which it stood. To an inquiry made as to the privileges of the Church of Worcester, and held on January 1, 167 $\frac{1}{2}$, the Dean and Chapter answered, "The Corporation of the City hath no jurisdiction within the precincts of the Cathedral, for the said Church lies in the County of Worcester and not within the city." That St. Michael's was within the county is asserted at the head of the accounts for many of the years; "being within the County and Diocese of Worcester," the heading usually runs, and in some years the words are added, "near the City of Worcester." An engraving of the Church is given in Valentine Green's *History of Worcester*, which shews that it consisted of a nave and a chancel, the former possessing a large west window, while by the south wall of the chancel stood the clocherium or bell-tower, which was taken down in 1647 and sold for £617 14s. 2d. Nash calls this the "famous leaden steeple³," but the engraving shews a house-like tower of three

¹ Nash, II. 319.

² History of Worcester, 47.

³ Nash, II. 319.

stories, with a turret in the centre of the roof, plain windows, and a door on the ground floor.

The accounts in this book are neither quite continuous nor consecutive for the years they cover, and there is some little difficulty in ascertaining accurately the particular years to which the several items refer. To simplify reference I have in nearly all cases taken the year in which the accounts were rendered, marked by thick figures at the head of them in this book, as the year of the payment of the several sums mentioned, though necessarily they must often belong to the previous year. Nor is it easy to see in all cases for which years the churchwardens were acting, since there seems to have been no regular date for rendering the accounts, and in some years such a laxity prevailed that not only are the accounts themselves very meagre, but they are sometimes entirely wanting, while the churchwardens appear often to have continued in office for some years together. The date of rendering the accounts seems to have steadily retrogressed, getting later and later each year; for the first ten years the date was some time in November, and for ten years more it occurred near the end of the old or the beginning of the new year, as we now reckon it. Then began the march backwards. They were rendered from 1568 to 1574 in March, till 1581 in April, in 1582 in May, in 1584 and 1585 in June, then till 1596 in July, in 1599 in August, and in 1601 in September. In this year an entry gives the procedure on such occasions at some length, from which it appears that they were considered in the church upon a Sunday after notice given in the church the previous Sunday, "according to the ancient custome." In two or more of the later years the words "*stylo Angliæ*," or "*juxta stylum Angliæ*," are added to the date. This is doubtless because the Gregorian calendar, though adopted in the Roman Church at the end of the sixteenth century, was not in use in England, where it did not obtain till the year 1752. I must at once confess that I have not added up nor verified the various figures, and am in no way responsible for the totals set down, which are those found in the original accounts. It is interesting to notice the gradual displacement towards the end of the century of Roman numerals by Arabic figures. With the exception of the year, which is in Arabic figures in 1550 and from 1550, when the practice of denoting the year solely by the year of the sovereign's reign was abandoned,

these first occur in the accounts for 1595. At first they are mixed up with Roman numerals, but afterwards these are retained only for the more important totals, which themselves also are in Arabic in the payments in 1601, though Roman numeration was afterwards resumed for this purpose. At the end of this Introduction I have given a list of the churchwardens for the several years, which may be taken I hope as fairly accurate.

The book in which these accounts were kept is of folio size, consisting of 122 leaves, on the back of the last of which they terminate abruptly, and doubtless at the end several leaves have been lost. The twelfth leaf is a piece of parchment, probably from a manuscript missal, to which the 28th leaf corresponds, and the object of this insertion is not clear; and while the accounts for 1554 precede this leaf, those for 1553 follow it. The accounts run from 1539 to 1603, the last year being imperfect. The greater portion of the writing is in the hand of Roger Foliott, who was possibly a draper, as blue satin for a vestment was bought of him in 1554, and there are several entries of sums he received for recording the accounts; for instance, in 1561, "for his paynes in writing in this book heretofore," 5*s.*, and in 1567, "for writing and keeping our accounts divers times," 6*s.* 8*d.* Possibly earlier entries of this nature refer also to him. In 1591 a dispute as to certain sums of money arose between him and the parishioners, which being referred to the arbitration of the Dean ended in his having to pay 50*s.* to the churchwardens. After this his handwriting appears no more, and the entries to the end were made by Guthlake Foliott, probably his son, who was allowed, in 1598, 4*s.* 9*d.* for keeping the books for five years. He was, no doubt, the grandfather of the Guthlake Foliott who entered his pedigree at the Visitation of Worcestershire in 1682¹, and claimed descent from the Foliotts of Pirton, but whose pedigree was found not to join to that family. Indeed, among the numerous members of that family given in the pedigree recorded in the Visitation of 1569² hardly a Christian name common to the two families occurs; and Guthlake Foliott in 1682 appears not to have known the name of his grandmother, nor that his great-grandfather was Roger Foliott of St. Michael's. Roger was churchwarden for seven of the years in this account, the earliest 1548 and the last 1583. His name does not occur in the list of those assessed to the poor in 1599. He

¹ Metcalfe's Vis. of Worc., 1682-3, 47.

² Harl. Soc. xxvii. 53.

seems to have been an active member of the community. He conducted negotiations for the sale of the church plate in 1573, and in the same year was concerned in getting payment for a debt due to the church from Mr. Fisher when he died. In the same year also he had a licence from the Dean and Chapter to present John Wilkinson to the living of St. Martin's, in their patronage. He paid 12*d.* for a seat for his wife in 1569, and, like many parishioners, was not above borrowing the church money from time to time. Guthlake Foliott was warden in the years 1595, 1596, and 1602.

The accounts open in the 31st year of the reign of Henry VIII., 1539. The Act of Supremacy vesting authority over all ecclesiastical matters in the Crown had been passed in 1534; two years later followed the suppression of the smaller monasteries and nunneries, and in 1539 the dissolution of the larger monasteries, and the disappearance of mitred abbots from the House of Lords occurred. In this year also John Bell succeeded Hugh Latimer, who afterwards was burnt at the stake, as Bishop of Worcester; and in this year Henry Holbeach, the last prior of the monastery, became the dean of the new Cathedral establishment. The Act known as the "Six Articles" had been passed in this year, which declared that transubstantiation, communion in one kind, celibacy of the clergy, monastic vows, private masses, and the binding powers of vows of chastity, were agreeable to the law of God. Burning was the penalty fixed for the denial of transubstantiation, and for a second offence against either of the other five doctrines. In 1547 a copy of this Act, then called a "book of the six articles," cost the parishioners of St. Michael's 3*d.* In 1538 the royal license was given to Coverdale's translation of the Bible; and in 1540 Cranmer's Bible, known as the Great Bible, was appointed by royal command to be read in churches. In 1545 the parishioners gave 4*d.* for a "chain to tie the Bible."

Nash says¹ the church is a peculiar, subject to the jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of Worcester. The ordinary meaning of this would be that the church had no other ecclesiastical superior than the Dean and Chapter, and that the Bishop had no right to include the church in his visitations. But in the case of St. Michael's, with that of other peculiars in the Diocese of Worcester, such as Alvechurch, Hanbury, Hartlebury, Stratford, and other parishes, all being manors which with their advowsons

¹ II. 320.

belonged to the Bishop of Worcester, this would not free it from the visitations of the Bishop, though it would from those of the Archdeacon ; and in these accounts there is no record of any procurations being paid to him. Accordingly, many entries relate to the visitations of the Bishop ; and moreover the Archbishop of Canterbury visited the church on two occasions, in 1562 and 1573. The first visitation mentioned is in 1552, when the parish appeared and paid its procurations at St. Helen's church. Payments for procurations, usually 1*s.* 6*d.*, and other expenses connected with the function, occur at intervals to the end of the accounts. The same sum was paid in 1559 on the "Queen's visitation," whatever that may mean. It was the first year of her reign. In 1592 the parishioners treated themselves to a dinner on the occasion, for which they paid 3*s.* 4*d.* ; having been satisfied in 1580 with a breakfast. In 1594 the visitation took place on 15 July ; the bells were rung at the coming of the Bishop, who was then Richard Fletcher, the visitation probably being conducted in person ; and the Sidesmen or Six Men of the parish had a dinner provided for them. The parishioners paid the Apparitor for his fees 2*d.* on the occasion, and bought a book of Articles for 1*s.* 6*d.* Again in 1598 the Bishop, Gervase Babington, personally visited the church, and the parish provided him with wine at a cost of 3*s.* 8*d.*, no small quantity. The churchwardens and sidesmen had a dinner, and specially bought for the feast a pound of sugar for 1*s.* 8*d.* This time also the Apparitor was ready with a book for the parish to buy ; they paid him 10*d.* for a Prayer Book. In four of the last years for which accounts exist the Bishop, then Gervase Babington, gave sums of money at Christmas time for the relief of the poor ; 13*s.* 4*d.* in the first of these years and afterwards 20*s.* ; possibly on account of his position as possessor of the chief house in the parish. It is probable that St. Michael's was included in the peculiar jurisdiction of the Cathedral.

Still the Dean and Chapter had some authority in the parish, the precise nature of which cannot be said. Whitson farthings were paid to them possibly every year, though the entries are irregular ; the payments are in some instances for arrears. The sum was 5*d.* ; in 1546 Edward Porter was the receiver, in 1567 one Clent, and in 1581 and 1584 Roger Clarke ; and the 5*d.* paid on Trinity Sunday, 1559, was possibly of this nature. In the dispute between Roger Foliott and the parishioners in 1591 the Dean arbitrated, and

in 1593 an old woman was relieved with parish money at his request. The authority, too, was of such a nature that it was possible for the parish to quarrel with the Dean. One such quarrel seems to have occurred in 1596, but what it was about there is no positive indication, though possibly it had to do with the parish property. In 1591 a petition concerning Mr. Chance's house had been made to the Dean, and in 1593 a sum of 10s. was paid to the Dean "for Mr. Cyrell for making a release concerning Ballard's house;" and in 1603, for a deputation under the common seal of the Dean and Chapter concerning the house Dr. Hare gave to the parish, which was Ballard's house, and the rent of which Mr. Chance paid in 1594, and for other expenses about the business, the parish paid 22s. 6d. Whatever the dispute was about, the parish tried persuasion first; they sent a petition, for the "making" of which they paid 12d., to the Dean and Chapter in 1593; and this apparently being ineffectual, they "sett proces" against the same body in the following year. The process was served at Hereford, and the Dean and Chapter met at Bewdley, where the churchwardens and other parishioners also attended. A number of items connected with this business appear in the accounts for this year, including legal advice, sealing the writ, replying to the Dean's defence, and the personal expenses of the parishioners, which amount in the whole to the sum of £1 10s. 9d. The suit was heard before the Council of the Marches of Wales, and after all the parish was not successful, as may be gathered from the fact that they were ordered to pay 20s. towards the Dean's costs, which were handed to Dr. Lewis, the receiver of the Cathedral, sometime after 2 June in 1594.

When these accounts begin Roger Hughes was the parson of the parish. Nash does not mention his institution, but says Owen Lloyd was instituted incumbent in 1534; and after him he gives no other till 1551, when William Hunt was instituted¹; but his name does not occur in the accounts. At this time Nash says the patronage lapsed to the crown, and Green² in his History of Worcester continues this by saying, "and has so continued ever since, it not being worth while to pay the expense of the seals, &c., on account of the smallness of the Rectory. It is therefore held by license." There are many entries in the accounts relating to payments to clergymen, the first two being in 1545 and 1546 to the

¹ Nash, II. 323.

² History of Worcester, 47.

parson, unnamed, for two quarters of a year 13s. 4d., and three quarters of a year, 20s., and the next one to Sir Richard Wale in 1554, for half a quarter's service at the communion board, 5s.; possibly the payment to Master Wyche in 1543 was one to the parson. There seems to have been no regular clergyman paid by the parishioners till 1561; previously to that year John Dyckyn, John Birken, Richard Wale and Richard Warrett received small sums at various times for their services. From 1561 to 1573 the regular clergyman seems to have been Henry Himbleton, whose stipend appears to have been 13s. 4d. a quarter, or £2 13s. 4d. a year. The entries of payment to him are not regular; in some years the parish paid all the quarters, in others one or more, in some none. The incumbent seems necessarily to have had some other source from which he received his "wages," as his emolument is called, even if his stipend only amounted to the sum mentioned above. And this source, from the entry in 1591 of an award in a dispute between Roger Foliott and the parishioners, appears to have been the Church of Worcester, otherwise the Dean and Chapter, who had paid to Foliott a yearly pension for the use of the parson of the church, the whole of which had not been accounted for. The amount of the pension, however, is not stated. After 1573 there is no entry of the kind till 1579, when Mr. Bell, whose Christian name is not given, was paid at the same rate for a quarter due at Michaelmas in that year. There was a parsonage house belonging to the church, for Mr. Bell was given two several sums of 5s. towards its repair. He seems to have held the cure till 1582, when Edward Slough, afterwards in 1585 presented by Edward Dalton of Holbury by license from the Dean and Chapter to Bredicote, was curate of the church. No other clergyman is named till 1591, when Mr. Fisher was the minister, the first payment to him being the usual 13s. 4d. for a quarter's service. Afterwards some agreement as to stipend was entered into between him and the parishioners. Nothing more is to be seen of quarterly payments, but 22 July, 1594 he was given, "according to agreement," 10s.; and in following years 10s. or 12s., "by consent of the whole parish," for some such reason as this, "to augment his small commodity serving the cure among us." On 2 Sept. 1601, "Richard Hil' minister" was paid 24s. "on account of the smallness of his and benefit among us," for his services for the two years th

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times as one of "our parish poore." He possibly died before 1598, since in that year widow Jackson was one of the recipients of charity money; and 16 Sept. 1599, she had 4*d.* given her "in her sickness," and three days afterwards her daughter received 12*d.* towards her burial. In 1598, 4½*d.*, the surplus of the accounts, was given to the clerk for his "extraordinary attendance;" and in 1599 and the following years to the end, Robert Creswell was the clerk. In 1590 the parish clerk had 1*s.* given to him as one of the poor. In 1545 the wardens bought a pair of gloves "for the clerke's ease" for 2*d.*, and he had another pair the next year. In 1553, he and two women were paid 1*s.* for cleaning the church after the roodloft was taken down. In 1580, the washing of the church linen was done by the clerk's wife. He wore a surplice, for it is mentioned in the list of church goods in 1552, and was mended at a cost of 2*d.* in 1568. He was provided with a psalter in 1584 at a cost of 2*s.*, and took especial pains about something on 18 Aug. 1598, for which he was rewarded by 1*s.* He had charge of the bells, for he paid 4*d.* to the warden for ringing in 1598, possibly fees for the use of bells on private occasions, and to him was paid, in later years at least, the money for ringing on the Queen's coronation-day. In 1599 and 1603, he received 2*s.* each time for ringing on the day of the Queen's coronation, and entries of payments on this account occur regularly, but it is not elsewhere said that the sum went to the clerk. In 1581, 10*s.* was given to the clerk towards building his chimney, and in 1590 there was paid 1*s.* 4*d.* for mending the clerk's house.

Not much was spent during these years upon the fabric of the church, except upon the roof and windows. The church was white-washed in 1551 and 1553 and again in 1571, at which latter date they used in the business 6*d.* worth of Bristol lime. The tower was repaired at a cost of 2*s.* 11*d.* in 1558; and if the steeple and the tower were the same, as was probably the case, it required a ladder in 1567, the stairs in it were repaired at the same time, and the lock on the steeple door mended and had a new key provided for it. A bar was fixed to the church door in 1547. The walls were mended in 1580 and 1593; and in 1594 10*s.* was spent in painting the church; and in 1596 the gallery was coloured, after an alteration to the stairs. The following year the gallery was benched. In 1580 the choir was paved. The whole church was cleaned down in 1580,

and again in 1596. The walls of the church and chancel were decorated with sentences from Scripture in 1596, and the same had previously been done in 1548, when the church was plastered and whitened, and 13s. 4d. spent in painting. The roof required more attention. It was mended in 1551; in 1566 it took a man two days to stop up holes between the rafters to keep out pigeons. In 1559, 1566, 1571, 1580, 1584, 1590, 1594, and 1598 the tiling of the church was repaired, and on two of the occasions 500 tiles were used; the lead was repaired in 1594. The church had a door at the "nether end," for which a key was bought in 1553. In 1594, a penny was spent on besoms, and in 1596, 8d. on brushes "for clean keeping the church."

Repairs to the church windows were a continual expense, items relating to them appearing regularly all through the accounts. In 1580, the south window was boarded up, and possibly it was this same one that required mending in 1598. In 1596 and 1598, extensive repairs were carried out by George Shewesmith the glasier; in the former year three new panes containing $16\frac{1}{4}$ feet of glass were provided by him, and 20 pieces of original glass reset, and in the latter 36 new squares were used in the windows of the church and chancel, and the high window on the south side was extensively repaired. In 1596 all the windows were cleaned down—"scoured" it is called—for Christmas.

The bells of the church afford numberless entries. How many there were does not appear; three men received refreshment for ringing in 1547. At least 36 new bellropes were provided during the period the accounts cover, and 19 baldricks. This, spelled variously baldericke, bawdrick, balrick, balryche, badricke and ball ryck, was the leather strap that attached the clapper to the bell, and besides being frequently replaced was often repaired. The "stirrop" mended in 1599 was another name for the baldrick. And there are numerous entries also of repairs to the bells and the bell wheels, from the year 1543 onwards to the end. In 1548 two small bells weighing 6lb. were sold for 9d. In 1566 the little bell was recast and more weight put to "him" at a cost of 17s.; but 14 years after it was possibly done away with, for there is an entry of 6d. paid to "men to help down with the frame where our little bell hanged." The "sance" bell was mended and had a new baldrick in 1595; this was the bell rung at the elevation of the Host

at the parish Mass, and was fixed outside the church, frequently on the apex of the eastern gable of the nave. If it were not for this entry and another in 1582, which shews that the sance bell was still used, though certainly not for its original purpose, one would have imagined that the previously mentioned framework which was taken down in 1580 was that connected with the "sanctus" or "sance" bell. A penny was spent at the "waying" of this bell, when the stock was repaired with new ironwork in 1543; and in 1598, "lycker," probably oil, of a like value was purchased for the bells. Only one entry, that in 1547, mentions ale or food given to the ringers, but there are several which give the sum paid to them for ringing. In 1547 the bells were rung "at the procession for the victory in Scotland," that is, at the battle of Pinkie, near Musselburgh, fought 10 Sept. 1547, when the Scots were defeated with great slaughter. In the accounts for 1555 there is an entry of payment for ringing at the "bondfires for the Queen," possibly rejoicing at Queen Mary's marriage with Philip, 25 July, 1554. After this the only entries of money paid to the ringers, with one exception, refer to the day of the Queen's "entring," the Queen's "renewing of her reign," on her "Holy day," 17 Nov. in each year, the day on which Elizabeth came to the throne. The exception is ringing at the Bishop's coming to visit the church in 1594. No doubt there was tumultuous bell-ringing when the news of the defeat of the Armada came to Worcester, but accounts for this period do not exist in detail. The amount paid for ringing in later years was 2s.; and for a considerable time Richard Jackson had the management of the bell-ringing, for this was one of the functions of the parish clerk.

Before 1548 there were three altars in St. Michael's church, a high altar and two side altars. In the accounts rendered 1 Nov. in this year, the second of Edward VI., are entered the expenses of taking them down, of paving where they stood, and mending the wall under the chancel window, in all 8s. 7d. It seems to have been a sudden order that they should be removed, since earlier in the same account is entered an expenditure of 4s. for painting the three of them. On each of them stood a table, which was sold, that on the high altar fetching 1s., the others 4d. less. Over the high altar was a "trimmer," probably a canopy, and it, two ends, and two frames were also disposed of. Two forms for the communion to

no doubt according to position in the church. In 1599 the payment of 6*d.* for a removal is entered. Apparently as a rule the payment was a payment down and not a rent ; but in one or two instances a person seems to pay a second or even a third time in after years. Ralph Symons paid in 1562 and 1568 ; Humphrey Peryn in 1567, 1579 and 1582 ; William Ford in 1568 and 1582 ; and Timothy Ford and his wife in 1595, and he again 1599. Possibly, however, these were for additional members of their families. If, as is now always said, the church was open free to all parishioners, any one of them who wanted a fixed seat to go to had to pay for it ; and if that was the case, it implied that some one had power to keep unauthorized persons out of the allotted seats. In the later years which the accounts cover, payments for seat money become very numerous, in the years 1595 to 1602 no less than 116 persons being allotted seats upon payment. This extensive allotment entailed considerable alterations. In 1595 £1 2*s.* 8*d.* was spent upon the seats, in 1596 £3 0*s.* 0*d.*, in 1597 £3 2*s.* 4*d.*, and in 1599 £1 11*s.* ; in 1599 also a special entry is made of a whole seat being gained. With all these seats that were paid for there would be but little room in a small church like St. Michael's for the free worshipper.

There is no trace in these accounts of the jurisdiction of the Ordinary in this matter, the supreme authority in the matter of seats, as in all other matters of Church government, according to the present interpretation of the Church law. The parishioners, either at their meetings or through their wardens, with whom it appears from an entry in 1566 were joined for the purpose the six men or sidesmen of the parish, seem to have allotted seats with a free hand, assuming to themselves power not only to allot a seat to a person possibly for his life, but, as in the case of Dr. Hare's house, to a house for ever. It is said in books that the custom of paying for seats took its rise after the Reformation. In the accounts for St. Helen's, in this book, are items for seat money as early as 1519. It was no new custom when all these payments were made at St. Michael's. Now-a-days it is said that pew rents are illegal : they cannot be recovered in law for lack of consideration. But it can hardly be supposed that when this dictum was laid down that the immense body of custom, which numberless churchwardens' accounts shew existed from early times, was duly considered. Pews were paid for universally in the old parish church, and though these

payments might not have been what are now known as rents, at all events they were money payments.

The parish possessed a bier and a herse, the latter being a framework set up over the coffin to support the pall. At the death of Henry VIII. in 1547, a special "Dirige," a funeral service so called from the first words of the hymn used on such occasions, *Dirige gressus meos*, and Mass were held. The service appears to have been in the nature of a mock funeral, for they used the herse, and set upon it two papers of the "King's Armes," for which they paid 3*d*. In this year not only is there an entry for mending the bier and herse, but another to the effect that they bought a new bier and herse which with the ironwork cost 4*s*. 8*d*. The bier was mended in 1559, 1580, 1594, and 1599. There was a desk in the chancel which was mended in 1599, perhaps the one bought for 6*d*., 8 Nov. 1579. A board was set on the church door in 1547, costing 1*d*.; and they bought a poor men's chest, possibly incited to do so by Archbishop Cranmer's Visitation Articles, one of which runs to this effect: "Item. Whether they have provided and have a strong chest for the poor men's box, and set and fastened the same near to their high altar." The chest cost 6*s*. 8*d*., and by the year 1551 appears to have been the means of collecting 3*s*. 4*d*., and in 1554, of 1*s*. 4*d*. The church box, from which 8*s*. was taken at Easter in 1555, is possibly this one. In the year 1547 there is an entry of 2*d*. spent "for the pane of the Pater noster, the Articles of our Faith, with the Ten Commandments of God," which entry has afterwards been struck out. If this was a board on which these subjects were set out even in brief, the sum seems very little; and at any rate the meaning of the entry being struck out is obscure. In 1562 a table of the Commandments cost 1*s*. 4*d*., and in 1581 they purchased a frame for the Ten Commandments for 4*d*. Those in office seem to have possessed a special faculty for losing keys; the purchases of at least nine new ones are entered at various times. In 1592 the subject is disguised thus, "Item for Akey for a coffer," 2½*d*.

There are three inventories of church goods, in 1552, in 1561, and in 1594. They differ considerably in their characteristics. The first contains several church ornaments, that is adjuncts to the services of the church, with some vestments; the second consists nearly entirely of vestments; and the last, of books, vestments, and

two articles of communion plate. Previous to 1552 there would appear to have been considerable peculation throughout England in the matter of church goods. Ornaments had come to be considered as idolatrous and superstitious, and in many cases parish-tenants and other persons seem to have taken advantage of this change of feeling to dispose of the goods to themselves or others, and to use the money for the benefit of their parish, or perhaps sometimes of themselves. It was to meet this peculation that the Commissioners to inquire into what church goods remained to the parishes throughout England were issued in the last year of Edward VI., 1552. There was no question of enforcing any particular ritual. It appears that the lists were made merely to prevent any more ornaments being disposed of, and that those that remained might be preserved to be dealt with in the future in any way the Crown might think fit. In 1548 the wardens of St. Michael's had disposed of church goods to the value of £2 4s 11d, including a lamp and censer weighing 20 pounds, brass standards, a copper cross and pulpit, and the pipes of the organ. That there had been some sort of an inquiry into church goods this year is pretty clear, since 8s were spent in writing two inventories for the King's Commissioners in that respect, and 4s was paid to the goldsmith for weighing the plate. In 1550 the holy water-pot of lead weighing 15 pounds was sold for 11d.

Communion-plate, including holy church goods were about again in 1551 when 2s were paid to them, but no inventory of that date is printed in this book. The purpose of the inventory of 1551, possibly the same as the making of which 8s was paid in 1550, and of 1552 does not appear. They may have been lists made by the churchwardens merely as matters of record. Nor is there any trace of any royal commissions issued by Edward VI. in 1553 in which he directed surplus goods to be sold for his own benefit, and surplus proceeds to be distributed among the poor of every parish. Probably a canon Henry was made in early or early 1554 in which Henry directed the churchwardens since that he had received of Mr. Bishop certain church goods. It is hard to see that these had belonged to the church. Henry the treasurer was made two years before. Henry the canon was made. And the churchwardens had received the goods in 1553. Mr. Bishop said he to be satisfied

to report the goods to the king.

with 6*d.* when Parker fetched "the cross and the rest of the church stuff;" and possibly the cross was the most important piece of it, as it is mentioned in this entry. At all events the goods were not in any very good condition, for the pyx and chrismatory required mending, and the censer required three chains.

Apart from these inventories there are several mentions of church goods. Payments for scouring the lamps, or the candlesticks, or the brassen stuff occur during the earlier years. At the Mass at King Henry's death two candlesticks had been coloured black. In 1566 the wardens bought a cup and pot for the communion board for 3*s.*, and paid 6*d.* for the carriage of them from London. In 1571 they sold their chalice for £2 9*s.* 5*d.* and bought a communion cup for £2 2*s.* 2*d.*; the case in which it was kept required mending in 1597. The paten of a chalice was sold in 1571 for £1 7*s.* 6*d.* Two entries of 1548, of which the meaning is doubtful, may be mentioned here. A "Jack, two skuelles, and a bill" were purchased for 9*s.*, and immediately afterwards, "A nother Jack" for 5*s.* 8*d.* The name Jack is applied to so many articles of common use that it is an indefinite term. Skuelles also is a word I don't know.

Surplices are the vestments most frequently mentioned, usually in connection with their mending. From beginning to ending of the accounts the washing of the "church clothes," the "church gear," or the "church linen" is entered in nearly every year, the sum throughout, with few exceptions, being 2*s.* The parson's surplice was "colored" in 1548. Whether this is "coloured" or "collared" the spelling leaves indefinite. In this year an arras covering which was used for the sepulchre was sold to Mr. Blunt for 6*s.* 8*d.*, and two "tucking girdles for albes" were bought for 2*d.* Albes are several times mentioned variously spelled; in one place no doubt "hawbys" stands for this vestment. In 1554, the first year of Queen Mary, large purchases of stuffs and vestments were made. Vestments of white branch damask and of blue satin were bought, and also an altar-cloth, cloth for a corporas, dowles for new amices, and ynkell for lace for the same. Two new surplices were made in 1566, one of dowles and one of linen, the former costing 13*s.* and the latter 21*s.*; and in 1571 an old surplice was sold for 4*d.* In 1593 another new surplice was bought for 13*s.*

A set of Injunctions was issued by Edward VI., one of which ordered the clergy to take down and destroy such images as had

been abused in their cures with pilgrimage, or offering of anything made thereunto; and another enjoined them to "destroy shrines and coverings of shrines; tables, candlesticks; trindles of wax; pictures, paintings, and all other monuments of feigned miracles, pilgrimage, idolatry and superstition." An entry of the purchase of the King's Injunctions for 4*d.* occurs in the accounts for 1547, and the accounts for the next year contain an entry of 1*s.* 3*d.* paid to one John Davies for hewing down the seates of the images in the church, and for covering the destruction with white wash; and the sayle, possibly saye, or woollen serge, and old clothes that covered the Saints were sold for 3*s.* 4*d.*; and no doubt the extensive sale of church property recorded in the year 1548 was on account of its condemnation in the Injunctions.

Several purchases of books appear in the accounts. In 1547 the parishioners bought the King's book of Homilies for 1*s.* 4*d.*; in 1548 a "paraphrasis in English" for the church: in 1554 a "piece of a Mass book called the Canon and the Christening" for 1*s.*; a portuas for 5*s.* in 1555; and in 1560 a Bible for 13*s.* and a communion book for 4*s.* 2*d.* Besides the Injunctions procured in 1547, another set cost 6*d.* in 1560; and in the same year a book of orders for the church cost 2*s.* There are several entries of the purchase of paper, usually a penny worth at a time. In 1559 ink was included in that sum. Books were bought more frequently in later years. The accounts shew the following purchases; in 1562, a "little book bought of John Gough" for 3*d.*; 1566, a psalter and a "common prayer"; 1569, a book of Homilies; 1571, a book of Articles; 1580, a book of Homilies; 1580, a book of prayer touching the earthquake; 1581, a prayer book; 1590, a service book; and 1594, a book of prayer for the Queen's Majesty, and a book of Articles. In 1582, Edward Heks wrote in the Bible "where it lacked," and new bosses and clasps were put to it at a cost of 5*s.* 4*d.* In 1595, a new "fair English Bible of the last translation authorised for the use of the church" was procured for 16*s.*, and a new large communion book for 6*s.* 4*d.* In 1598 a penny was paid for mending the clasp of the Bible. One Mr. Morrys, Relator to the Council of the Marches of Wales, had agreed to buy the old Bible, and had paid 1*s.* in earnest of his bargain; but he did not carry it out, and the 1*s.* was forfeited, and duly accounted for by the churchwarden, while the Bible was afterwards sold to Fowke

Broughton for 7s. 9d. The same gentleman had bought the "old communion book" in 1594 for 3s. 4d., while the following year 1s. 8d. is entered as having been spent on new binding and mending the clerk's psalter and the old communion book, "long before it was sold" being added in brackets. A Prayer-book and a statute-book were bought in 1598. Two Register-books are mentioned in the inventories of 1594. Previously to 1598, parish registers had been kept in paper books, but in that year an order was made that the paper books should be copied into parchment books, and the registers afterwards kept in them. Accordingly we find in the accounts for 1598 the purchase of a register-book for 11s., and a payment for copying the old one into it. This work appears to have cost altogether 45s., exclusive of 5s. to the minister to examine and approve it, and was done by Mr. Abraham Pilkington. In 1597 the churchwardens enter 2d. paid to Mr. Warmstry's office for a "prayer for the church in July, 1596, then newly set forth upon the then going out of the great fleet." This was a fleet equipped at Plymouth under the alarm of a second Armada, in which were embarked some 7,000 soldiers, to attack the Spanish dominions in Europe, and commanded by Lord Effingham, the high admiral. In the same year 6d. was paid for a brief touching abstinence from certain meals and meats, resort to the church, contribution to the poor, etc.

The Sepulchre, so frequently mentioned in the early years of the accounts, was a temporary erection of wood, which was draped with the most costly hangings the church could provide, and in which was placed an additional Host folded up in a corporas, a square piece of fine linen, consecrated by the priest for the Good Friday's celebration; for no consecration took place on that day. Decorated with flowers and lights, people gazed into it from Good Friday till early morn at Easter. Flowers were bought for the "tapers of the Rood light" at a cost of 2d. in 1547. Sometimes a niche in the stonework of the church on the north side of the chancel was prepared for use as a sepulchre. The last mention of the sepulchre in these accounts is in 1555. In years previous to this are entries for dressing the sepulchre, and the pins, thread, nails and wire necessary for the work. The cost of the lights at this and other ceremonies seems excessive in comparison with the amounts paid for candles in the later years of the account, when they were

used only for the purpose of lighting the church in the dark days about Christmas. In 1543 the lights cost 5s. 1d. and 3s. 4d.; in 1545 7s. 1d.; in 1547 6s. 6½d. and 2s. 5½d.; in the latter case details are given so that it may be seen how the amounts were made up. In 1555 they spent 5s. for wax. In the later years from 1571 onwards an expenditure of 2d. or 4d. for wax candles from time to time sufficed to provide sufficient light for the services of the church. The lights mentioned are the rood light, the paschal light, and the font taper; and they had lamps also, a pint of oil for them sometimes costing 4d. and sometimes 8d. Frankincense was bought at several times, the last time in 1559. In this year there is a curious entry of 6d. for "lead and making tokens at Easter." At one time the remains of the wax, that which was not used for the tapers at Easter, was melted into little medals and distributed or sold under the name of "Agnus," of which practice this might be a modified survival¹. Six pounds of old wax were sold in 1566. In 1557 there are entries of coals bought at Easter, and in 1559 of charcoal purchased in Lent. An entry of the same kind occurs in the St. Helen's accounts, and is noticed in the Introduction to them at p. 44. The "pair of showes" mentioned in an entry connected with tending the rood light in 1543 possibly denotes that the payment is for two usings or "shows" of the light. In 1559 are a series of entries, the only ones of the kind in the book, for sums received for the use of lights at the burials of certain individuals, and the reason for these receipts in this year only is obscure, but in 1546 there is a receipt of 4s. for "light money," perhaps of this nature. Indeed there are no mentions of burials throughout, except of those of the poor of the parish, and only one entry from which it can be inferred that burials in the body of the church took place. This is in 1597, when Mr. Edward Archepole took a gravestone out of the chancel and paved the place where it had been; for this privilege he paid 3s. 4d.

The first entry for "Housling Bred," that is bread for Holy Communion, is in 1559, and entries for it are only found during the next ten years. Wine for the Communion begins in 1558 and continues till the end of the book. The usual custom was for the bread and wine to be bought with the money collected from the communicants at Easter, which was divided between the clergyman

¹ Churchwardens' Accounts, St. Mary's, Reading, Int. viii.

and the churchwardens, and half the cost defrayed by each party. It is not impossible in the case of St. Michael's, since no entry for the purchase of bread occurs after 1569, that the minister found the bread as part of his share of the expenses. The amount paid for wine varies very much in the several years, and possibly items of this nature are sometimes omitted. In some of the years the date of the payments for communion wine are specifically given, and it may be taken that those were the days on which the sacrament was administered to the parishioners. In 1582, for instance, wine was bought on All Saints' Day, 17 Nov. (the day of the Queen's accession), Dec. 3 (possibly Advent Sunday), Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Eve, Easter Day, and Low Sunday. In 1592 on 11 July, 15 August, St. Stephen's Day, Palm Sunday, Easter Day, Low Sunday, and for communion since Low Sunday. In 1593 wine was paid for the first Monday in the new year, and on 1, 8, 12, 14, 15 and 22 April, and 10 June. In 1594, 23 Sept., 31 Dec., 17, 24, 25, 28, 30 and 31 March, 7 and 21 April, and Trinity Sunday. The quantities purchased vary from $\frac{1}{2}$ pint to a gallon; the kind of wine is once or twice specified as Muscadell, or Muscadine, or Bastard wine; and the amounts paid in the several years vary so greatly as to lead one to suppose that sometimes the parson's share of the offertory was more heavily drawn upon than at others, though in the later years the sums are more nearly alike. In 1558 the Churchwardens spent 1s., the next year 3s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., in 1570 9s. 5d., and in 1582 4s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. In 1591 the amount was 13s. 10d., 1592, 9s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1593 and the three following years, something over 11s. In 1599 they paid 14s. 3d., and in 1601, 11s. 6d.

It appears to have been the custom at St. Michael's for the churchwardens to have the assistance of six of the parishioners, as sidesmen, in carrying on the affairs of the parish. They are called the "Six Men," and in 1550, 1551, 1553 and 1566 their names are given, while in 1567 they were to "continue as they are." At the election in 1566 their duties are given as follows, "to be joined with the said wardens for placing of seats, things to be done about the church lands, and necessary affairs about the church." In 1594 and 1598 a dinner for them was paid for at the visitation in those years. When a regular assessment on the parishioners for the relief of the poor was started 12 Aug. 1599, it was agreed to by the Six Men. There was a parish constable also, but his election is

never mentioned. In 1559 he was paid for "beacon money" 1s., and the next year the constable, then William Wright, paid 8d. for a seat in the church. Henry Symons in 1569, Henry Pincer in 1573, Humfrey Peryn in 1581 were constables. There is an entry in 1584, the meaning of which is obscure, and which seems to shew that at that time there were two constables, named Lynoll and Lye. These men were paid "for the subsidy of Edward Bullingham" 3s. In 1594 Stephen Rymill was constable, and he seems to have become in some capacity or other mixed up with a little history concerning a certain Flytt. Flytt, I suppose, was ill, and 5s. 6d. was given to him, and a further sum of 2s. 6d. was given to Rymill for him. Then we have an entry of 1s. to "hire women to search Flytt's child;" and last of all Flytt himself died and 6d. was paid towards his burial. In the same year some plague broke out in the parish, for certain homes became infected, and Rymill seems to have had to look after them; for several weeks 2s. 8d. was paid to these houses, from 8 April to 2 June. Rymill was a plumber, for 5s. was paid to him in this year for mending the lead of the church; and he paid 8d. for a seat in 1597. In 1599 Thomas Spilsbury was constable, and 8d. was paid to him for "a proclamation for weights and measures." The first year in which the appointment of collectors for the poor, the lineal forerunners of the parish overseers, is mentioned is in 1585. One of them was Simon Jones. Now Simon Jones, it appears, was a "tooth drawer," and a loan to him upon an "obligation which remained in the hands of Roger Folliot," on 29 Oct. of 20s., to be repaid the next Lady day, seems to have been a bad investment, for four years afterwards, in 1590, there are some entries relating to the tooth drawer's debt. The cost of "entering Mr. Picher" for the debt was 4d. There was money paid for a declaration and a "capias," which sounds uncommonly like somebody's body being in danger of going to prison, and then one Coterell "yielded to the debt." Finally in the same year Roger Folliot repaid the 20s. "Symons the tooth drawer" paid 6d. for a seat in 1582. Simon Jones fell into poor circumstances, and was a regular recipient of charity money after 1594.

Nearly every parochial ceremony formed the occasion of and an excuse for a good drink at the expense of the parish. After the churchwardens had rendered their accounts, they and the parishioners adjourned to the tavern, and though in this case, as

in others, the entries are not to be found regularly, it may be supposed that the practice continued all through the years, since the first payment of the kind is in 1547 and the last in 1598. Entries of sums spent in drinking at Easter are much more frequent. In 1543 3*d.* was spent in drinking, in 1555, 12*d.*, and in 1558, on the parson and parish, 1*s.* 5*d.*; so the parson was not above mingling with his parishioners in the social glass. In 1567 the drinking on Easter Day was in the afternoon, when 3*s.* 8*d.* was spent; in 1573 on Easter Day, at night, when the cost was 1*s.* 4*d.* The sums tended to increase towards the end of these accounts. In 1584 the sum of 6*s.* is entered as having been provided for the parishioners by the parish towards the bout, besides, it is naively added, "the money they spent." Possibly it much depended upon the complaisance of those in office whether they spent out of their own pockets much or little; the sum provided at the election of new churchwardens and the rendering of the accounts of those who went out of office seems to have been a fixed one of 2*s.*; but the Easter amounts vary considerably. For several years there are entries of money paid for drinking at the "breaking up of the box," which is no doubt the same process as that described in 1590 as "parting the church money," probably the taking stock of and dealing with the money kept in the chest or "coffer," a function at which the curate was present at least in 1584, and one attended with the distribution of refreshment. In 1593 as much as 5*s.* 4*d.* was spent on this occasion. Many are the other excuses for the partaking of refreshment disclosed in these accounts. In 1545 the "writing of two inventories," in 1554 "making out the bill for the visitation," and in 1581 "granting a lease to Mr. Patrick," were "excuses for the glass." In 1551 the representatives of the parish took a bottle of Malmsey, and in 1573 a bottle of wine to Clifton, and in 1594 a "pottle of sack" to the Court at Severnstoke; in 1566 they spent 8*d.* when "we went to survey our church land at Clifton," and in 1569 3*d.* "before going to Clifton." There is a curious entry in the accounts for 1566, the meaning of which is doubtful, to the effect that the parishioners of St. John's and Whittington met the parishioners of St. Michael's at Mr Dighton's, for the "harvesting of men." Whatever this may mean it was also an occasion for drinking.

The names of the persons at whose houses the drinking took place are frequently mentioned, and no doubt they were the jovial

landlords of that time, and most of them, since their names occur in other ways in the accounts, landlords of public houses in the parish. In 1554 the parish drank at Andrew Sutton's, in 1555 and 1558 at Mr. Bland's. In 1566 Mr. Dighton was the host they honoured with their patronage, but in the same year they patronised also one Kydson. In 1569 they went to three houses, Oseland's, Peryn's, and George Cardmaker's; the next year they went to Richard Alen's. To Mr. Dighton they went again in 1573 and at Easter in 1582. In later years Walter Walker's appears to have been their favourite hostelry, and there are also mentioned William Bristow's and Nicholas Phillips's. Walter Walker was sufficiently impressed by benefits received to leave the parish five pounds in his will, dated 9 April, 1603¹, in which year the parish drank at his widow's before going to Clifton. Edward, of the same surname, also an Innholder, left another £5 to the parish on 28 Sept., 1636. No doubt this was Walter's son².

From time to time there are entries which lead one to suppose the parish was in some way responsible for those of its parishioners who went to the wars. Whether they went voluntarily or involuntarily does not appear; possibly the latter, since in 1598 is an entry relating to one John Newesham, who "was pressed into Ireland," no doubt to take part in the suppression of the revolt of Ulster under the Earl of Tyrone, as a "soldier from this parish." He come back the same year, with a "license from his captain by reason of his sickness," and was given 5s. Charges on account of soldiers, usually setting forth to Scotland, and in 1560 to Berwick, occur in the years 1545, 1547, 1553, 1560, and 1569; and in 1581 the sum of 16s. was paid at the "setting out of footmen into Ireland." John Brabant, or Beaban, was the soldier who went to Scotland in 1547, and towards his expenses each of the churchwardens paid 2s. 6d. The parish possessed at least one suit of harness, which was "scoured" in 1569, "dressed" by Humphrey Peryn in 1579, and "scoured" in 1580 and 1592; and they bought harness from John Bland in the former of these years for 6s. 8d. They also possessed two swords, which were dressed at the cost of 2s. in 1558, and the same year they purchased a "soldier's coat" for 3s. 8d. They bought a bow for 3s. 4d. in 1558, and a sheaf of arrows in the same year for 2s. 6d., and another

¹ Nash, II. 320.

² Ibid.

sheaf at a cost of 1s. 6d. in 1569. In 1581 1s. 4d. was paid for the "training of soldiers."

The parish had to pay the King's subsidies in respect of their landed property. In 1545 they paid 26s. 8d. on this account, and in 1546 and 1547 they paid two moieties of another subsidy, 6s. 8d. each year, having in the former paid 4d. for making a "bill to the King's Surveyors for our church lands." In 1584 is again a mention of a subsidy, but the word in this case, one would think, must bear another meaning. In fact, it can hardly be surmised what the entry alludes to. The parish constables were paid 3s. for Edward Bullingham's subsidy. It was in this year too that there was the little difficulty with the curate about the seat Mrs. Bullingham had paid for, previously mentioned.

By the common law of England the onus of sustaining the poor, "so that none of them die for want of sustenance," lay upon "parsons, rectors of the Church, and parishioners¹," and by an Act of 27 Henry VIII. a parish that allowed its poor to beg openly was to be fined 20s. a week. Though its neglect was punishable against the parish, to relieve the poor was at first only a voluntary duty on the part of the parishioners, enforceable only by ecclesiastical censure. At the beginning of Elizabeth's reign this spiritual persuasion was strengthened by the aid of the Civil power against individuals also. The amount spent on the relief of the poor in St. Michael's parish varied considerably from year to year. Only 2s. seem to have been devoted to this purpose in 1546, while in the two years 1548 and 1549 the sum appears to have been £2 3s. 6d. About twenty years later distributions were made at Easter and Christmas, besides the sums given at other times. At this time the College, that is the Dean and Chapter, contributed to the relief at these two terms, the entries usually specifying that so much was distributed, "besides the money that the College gave." A distribution was also made at the "account," the day of passing the accounts and electing the churchwardens. In 1561 the entry runs thus—"Given in Alms to the poor of the parish at the said account, with 15d. the parish did drink, 4s. 4d." There is a reference to the money given by the College in 1583, when the amount was 8s., but there is no further mention of it. In 1590, Thomas Hare, Doctor of Physic, left his house to the

¹ *Encyclopædia Britannica*, IXth Ed., xix. 462.

use of the parish, out of the rent of which, 12s. was to be given to the poor yearly, while the wardens were to be allowed 1s. for themselves. The sum was distributed to 12 persons at the rate of 1s. each, and lists of the recipients are afterwards given year by year. Henry Stanton, of Whittington, left 50s. to the poor in 1588, and 5s. annually was paid on account of it by Robert Chadbourne of that parish for several years, and by John Brayne in 1595, and an entry made from time to time that the capital sum was owing by him, till 7 Sept. 1595, when Brayne paid the 50s. to the wardens. Mr. Gardiner, of Himbleton, gave 10s. for the poor in 1594, and Mr. Backhouse 4s. in 1598. In 1597 the widow of Thomas Salway, who after his death continued tenant of the parish land at Severnstoke, left 10s. to the poor, which Thomas Baker paid. After 1599 the Bishop gave money every Christmas to be distributed to the poor. Mr. Hall's dole, whatever that might be, is mentioned in 1560; and in 1601 Mr. Chance, whose name is frequently mentioned, gave 20s. at his death.

Among the entries of charity-money distributed we find as follows:—Wood was bought for the poor at a cost of 2s. 2d. in 1548, and the same year is the following entry, which is possibly of the nature of alms, "delivered to Mr. Bland by the consent of the parish to bring two daughters of the woman of the palace to London to service, 2s." Shrouds were bought for various persons in 1548, 1570 and 1571, the cost being 2s. or 2s. 4d. In 1560 a "naked man in the church" was relieved to the amount of 4d. In 1567 a pair of shoes at a cost of 1s. 1d. were bought for Mother Margett. In 1533 the "porter of a hospital" received 4d. Sixpence was given in 1581 to a "poor man which came to the church to crave the benevolence of the parish," and 2d. on St. Matthew's day in the same year to a "poor boy who came to the church to require alms." In the same year one Posterne, whose name frequently appears as a recipient of alms, had, by consent of the parish, 5s. "towards his journey to the buthes," possibly "baths," as in a case afterwards mentioned; and 1s. was subscribed by the parishioners "at the collection for Portsmouth." In 1581 Edward Archpole gave 6d. to "my fellow Fletcher's sister;" she afterwards died, and 1s. was given by him to a "maid that lay sick" in the same house; while at the account Fletcher was allowed 20s. towards the "cure in surgery" of his son Christopher. In 1582 mention is made of

sums given to four poor men with licences ; this probably refers to a provision in an Act of Philip and Mary, which enabled justices to license the poor of certain parishes to beg within a certain area, the said beggars wearing a badge both on the breast and back of their outermost garments. In 1591, 2s. was given to John Sherman "to bring him to London." In 1598 widow Hull had her rent paid for her, and 4s. was given to "a poor woman that Henry Conway had taken in as tenant, on consideration that she should depart out of the parish ;" and in 1601, 3s. 4d. was "laid out when Joan Goodyear was wrongfully put into the parish to be relieved," an early instance of the tricks so frequently resorted to in later years to gain a settlement in a parish by a pauper who did not belong to it. In later years several of the paupers caused considerable expense to the parish. In 1599 the curing of Widow Elkyne's daughter cost 13s. 2d., and one Bristowe received 10s. "to bring him to the bath for the recovery of his leg." One wonders if Bristowe was afflicted with rheumatism, and if at this early period the remedial efficacy of Droitwich brine in such cases was a matter of belief. At all events afterwards Bristowe lodged with Symon Jones, and £1 5s. 4d. was paid for his lodging bill, and in 1601, £1 5s. 8d. Many years before, in 1584, "William Bristowe's poor children" had been relieved. About this time also the parish became possessed of a "poor child" whose maintenance cost the parishioners no small amounts. In 1598 £3 1s. 5d. was paid for his board and lodging at 10d. a week, and in 1599 widow Elkyne received £5 7s. 0d. for the same at 11d. a week. In 1601 the sum was 12d. a week, and the child was taken from widow Elkyne and placed in the care of widow Usherwood. Frieze for a coat and linen cloth for two shirts were bought for him in the same year for 4s., and finally, after staying for six weeks with Christopher Court, he was apprenticed to him, the parish paying 10s. for a premium, and 1s. for a "pair of indentures." This is an early instance of taking advantage of a provision in an Act of Elizabeth of the same year, which provided for the formal apprenticing of children instead of merely placing them out for support.

The appointment of collectors for the poor has already been noticed, and the rendering of their accounts is once or twice mentioned. An Act of 5 and 6 Edward VI. provided for the selection of two or more able persons to gather alms one holiday

in Whitsun week openly in the church, and they were to write the result in a book. Persons elected to serve this office were to be fined 20s. if they refused to act. In 1597 these persons were called Overseers, and the churchwardens and four other householders were to be appointed yearly by the Justices in Easter week to look after the poor, and there was to be a taxation, weekly or otherwise, of inhabitants and occupiers to provide for them, which was enforceable by distress. Lists of two of such taxations are to be found in these accounts, one made 12 August, 1599, and the other 15 Nov. 1601; and these lists are the lineal forerunners of the Valuation Lists of the present day, and may be taken as the very first that were made in St. Michael's Parish; for though differing in form, as imposing a monthly sum on each inhabitant instead of fixing the amount of the rateable value of his holding, they are the same in substance. In the first list are 27 names; in the second 36; and the sums imposed vary in the first from 8d to 1s each month, and in the second from 6d to 2d. Four names in the first do not occur in the second, and thirteen names in the second are not found in the first, including that of Thomas Spilbury, as to whom a note is made after the first list that he came "after this assessment" but "paid of himself." They may be taken to contain the name of every householder in a substantial position in the parish, and it may be noted an innholder, Walter Walker, was assessed as highly as any other person. Innholding was a lucrative trade, even in those days. Of the first assessment seven persons only paid regularly, while in the other the necessity of doing so seems to have been more forcibly brought home to the parishioners. Of the three persons who paid nothing in the latter list two were in the same position in the former one. Each of these "disseminers," as they are called, was made by the Six Men appointed to the parish in "the church there." Although the Act of 1597 made the churchwardens ex officio an office of which they have been relieved only so lately as the Local Government Act of 1894, the only corporation that then even so have had with these assessments in St. Michael's parish was to have them duly recorded in their book of rates.

According to the power of an act then which the revenue of the parish was collected, the churchwardens the fact that there were was not and it seems to parish purposes in spite of a rather

lavish expenditure at times in the luxury of law. In only two years does there seem to have been a balance due to the churchwardens, in 1579, and in 1599, just after the parishioners had spent £10 in buying two tenements in Frog Lane. It was the custom to lend out the money to parishioners who each found a surety for its repayment, but this seems to have been not much more than a friendly office, since at the same time borrowers are sureties for others and sureties are borrowers themselves. The accounts open with two loans; sums from borrowers were received in 1540, and in 1542 there is a long list of moneys owing and an account of possibly a further distribution. In 1547, 1550, 1553, 1554, and 1555, there are lists of moneys owing, and in 1558 of certain repayments. The parishioners took stock of the debts remaining unpaid again in 1560, but afterwards there is no other list of this nature, though scattered entries referring to loans and repayments occur. 10 July, 1580, a resolution was come to to forgive and discharge a batch of parish debtors who had been in debt a long time, and of whom many were dead, and many were poor, for these and divers other good reasons. Mr. Richard Fisher was "the keeper of the church stock" for some years. He probably died about 1568; in the previous year he had resigned his position as one of the Six Men; and when he died it may be gathered that there was some little difficulty about regaining possession of the money then in his hands. In 1568 was paid 4s. 8d. for a "process to arrest Mr. Fisher's goods at his death for the church money;" in 1570 there is a receipt for "charges in law" concerning Mr. Fisher's debt, and in 1571 Mistress Fisher paid 26s. in part payment of it. John Danks appears to have been his representative; he paid £4 of the money in 1570, and with Roger Coffyn became surety for another £3, of which he afterwards paid £2, and George Wale, whose connection with the affair is not clear, another 13s. The money was kept after Mr. Fisher's death in a bag in the Communion-chest. Later on it was again placed in private hands; in 1582 Mr. Archbold, in 1583 Roger Folliot, and in 1593 Mr. John Bland, held the church stock. A bag for the church money was bought for 3d. in 1597. The parishioners were not above doing a little pawnbroking business; in 1586 they lent Thomas Flecher 30s. for a month, as security for which he put in the bag "a gilt salt with a cover." This was on 18 Sept., and on 23 December he repaid 20s., took away the salt, and deposited "two

spoons" as security for the remaining 10s. As well as providing sureties, borrowers sometimes gave a "bill," and the same was done by the incoming churchwardens for that portion of the parish money given to them as cash in hand when they entered upon their office. In the early portion of the accounts this was 10s. each, which was afterwards increased to 20s., and lastly became £6. In 1573 the one churchwarden had given to him 26s. 9d., and the other, Thomas Fydo, 16s. and the Communion-cup. That this latter stood in the place of money is evident, since Fydo at the next reckoning-day accounted for 26s. received, so that the transaction seems to have amounted to a sale of the cup for 10s.

The sources of parochial revenue were as follows: rents and receipts from parish property, money received from parishioners for sittings in the church, gatherings in the church, and from things that were sold; together with the sums received from charity and other various small items. Of these the most important source was the land the parish possessed at Clifton in Severnstoke, which had been given to it by John Robinson, Vintner, by deed dated 20 Nov., 1518¹. The parish possessed also a house in the street called the Knowle, in the parish of St. Peter's, which had been "given and employed for the benefit of the church, parish, and poor time out of mind²." By Dr. Hare's will they obtained in 1589 the house he had lived in, situated in the parish of St. Helen's; and in 1597 they bought a house in Frog Lane in St. Peter's, which was afterwards converted into two dwellings. The land at Clifton appears to have been all pasture, and a terrier of it was made 25 Sept., 1562, and duly copied into the book of accounts. In the accounts for this year is an item of "x. 3d. for expenses of "going to Clifton to survey our church lands," and besides 1s. 4d. was paid to John Wall for "carrying us down by water." From the number of small pieces mentioned and from their descriptions it would seem that many of them were undivided portions of larger fields, the names of some of these being Cott Meadow, Suffield, Woefield, Lewes Hill, and Hempstead. Many of the names mentioned have now disappeared, but there still remain in the locality, Astmore and Quadmore, Santord and Arle, and Hempstead, near Kerpsey. It is not known at what date the parish parted with this property, but at the present time it belongs to the Earl of Coventry, and the pieces

¹ Nos. 11, 120.

² 1502.

described in the list are not to be recognised in the broad pastures and fields in the neighbourhood of Clifton, though something of the position of some of them may be made out. The word "farmdell," by which many of the plots are described, is not now known in the locality; it meant the fourth part of an acre, and was variously called "fardel," "farundel," "farthingdeal¹," and in Herefordshire "verndal."

The land at Clifton was held by lease by Richard Salway of Pirton at a rent of £2 13s. 4d. a year up to the year 1568, when Thomas Salway began to pay the rent. The old lease possibly ran out in 1580, for in that year is a mention of certain deeds newly made for the land at Clifton, and of the counterpart of Salway's old lease, while in 1581 Thomas Salway paid, in two instalments, a fine of £26 13s. 4d. on account of his new lease. Thomas Salway seems to have died in 1590, as from that date Mr. Salway's widow was the tenant till 1596, when she also deceased, leaving a legacy of 10s. to the poor of St. Michael's, which was paid by Thomas Baker; and from this time to the end of the accounts Thomas Baker paid the yearly rent, which remained at the same sum, namely £2 13s. 4d. In 1599 some entries occur relating to this property which shew that about this time a Commission, which included the Bishop, was appointed for the county and diocese of Worcester, to enquire into the employment of lands given in *pious usus*, the expense about which included a dinner for the minister, churchwardens, and some of the parishioners on the day they appeared before the Commissioners, and a bottle of sack for Mr. Coventry when he wrote the order made concerning the parish lands, which was sent to London for the Commissioners' signatures to it. The order is not set out, but from a later entry it appears that it consisted in raising Thomas Baker's rent from 26s. 8d. for the half year to £3 6s. 8d. He paid, however, only at the old rate then and afterwards. Whether his persistence in the old course was the breach of the order mentioned directly after its making is recorded does not appear, but this entry tells us that Mr. George Langford was paid 3s. 4d. to prosecute a breach of the order before "my Lord Keeper in the Chancery." The land at Clifton was copyhold. In 1569 the amount of an amerciamento, or fine, at Stoke Court is entered, and 4d. charges thereabouts were paid in 1583. In the former year a quarrel broke

¹ Murray's New Eng. Dic., s. v. Fardel.

representing the court. However the end of it came on 10 June, 1573, when it was ordered that Lode should pay 39s. and 10s. costs, and perform his bargain, while it is especially stated that he could, if he liked, take his remedy against Thomas Clifton, gent., who he said had taken some of the trees from him. Whether Clifton in his action in this case remembered his defeat at the hands of the parish a few years before, Roger Lode himself appears to have borne no malice, for the next year he bought an oak from the wardens for 1s. Other charges in this matter are entered in the expenditure for the next year. Mr. Trovell probably was the barrister employed, and his fee was 6s. 8d.; while Mr. Poughnell the attorney got 2s. only. But other fees were paid. These two suits seem to have exhausted the energies of the parish, since after 1573 there is no further entry of any kind in the book of accounts till 1577. In 1580 the deed for the Clifton land was handed to the parish by Walter Walker.

In 1602 there are entries which shew that another suit in law was set afoot, which entailed a journey to Ludlow; but it appears to have had but a short run. It was to get Mr. Chance to make a new deed of feoffment for the parish land at Clifton, which he appears to have done at once, and the charges for writing, "effecting and finishing" the new deed immediately follow. Possibly this was the "parish business," on which the advice of Mr. Colles was taken, who in part, at least, was rewarded by a bottle of wine, as appears in the accounts for 1598. What Mr. Chance had to do with the parish property does not appear, but his name is frequently mentioned in connection with it. He died this same year, because the distribution of 20s. he left to the parish at his death occurs in the accounts for it.

The house which had belonged to the parish "time out of mind" at the opening of the accounts was in the tenure of Philip Lechmere, at a rent of 13s. 4d. a year. In 1548 a new "pentyce," or pent-house, was added to it, and weather-boards placed at its "back side." In 1546 Lechmere was allowed 5s. 10d. for repairs to his house, and two days' work was spent in repairing it in 1553; and in 1555 Robert Kent's name appears as that of the tenant. His payments became irregular in 1563, but he struggled on for ten years, when he appears to have got straight, but at once fell back again, and finally he ceased to be the tenant, and his goods were valued at £2 17s. 4d.

which was to go to Mr. Cyrell for making a release concerning this property.

The house in Frog Lane was bought for £10 in 1599; Mr. Wyatt drafted the conveyance, for which he received 10s., and the "books," a deed of feoffment, an indenture of uses, and a bond for further assurance was engrossed on parchment at a cost of 5s. A further sum of 5s. was paid for sending the conveyance to be sealed in London, and the money was sent with it, as the payment was to be made there. Afterwards this house was converted into two dwellings, and in 1601 Robert Hussey and John Long were the two tenants at a rent of 12s. a year each. Neither of these persons were assessed to the relief of the poor, so their means were probably narrow.

In 1570 two entries occur relating to gardens, one belonging to John Gough, the other to some one unspecified, possibly also his. The rent of John Gough's garden, 1s. 8d. a year, was paid to the wardens by William Bristowe towards the payment of "his" debt, but the pronoun leaves it undetermined whose the debt was. The rent of the other, 2s., was possibly applied in the same way, but this is not declared in the entry. The rent of a garden at the latter sum was received in 1571 also, and in 1573 another 2s. for one of Gough's gardens. A Roger Gough was relieved with parish money in this year.

In 1559 Mr. Bland had in his custody 28 pieces of evidence and writings relating to the parish lands, and in that year he shewed them to the parish at the account, and they were redelivered into his keeping. They were in his possession at his death, and in 1566 1s. 5d. was spent in obtaining them from certain persons, possibly his executors. They were then, when they numbered only 19, put into a chest with three keys, which was given into the custody of Mr. Doctor Hare, and a key given each to Roger Foliott, George Wall, and Nicholas Broke. Three years later a box "to put our evidents in" was purchased at a cost of 6d.

Several trades are mentioned apart from those of the several persons employed in the regular way by the wardens, and the surnames of several persons are derived from the trades they or their forefathers exercised. The earliest trades mentioned are those of pewterer, brotherer or embroiderer, scrivener, bockeler maker, weaver, taborer or drummer, if this can be called a trade, and tailor. The "little tailor by the stair" received alms in 1553, possibly the same

as John Tomson the tailor relieved in 1558. A glover is mentioned in 1595. The tenant of "Anes the chanter" is mentioned in 1554. The surnames taken from trades are more varied. Capper, Pewterer, Putchmaker, sometimes Puchmaker and Porchmaker, possibly Pouchmaker, Cardmaker, Organmaker and Doctor, both women and both named Katherine, Skinner, Baker, Hatmaker, Nayler and Malzman, usually written Malten, occur during the early years. A Spurrier is found in 1573, and persons named Fletcher, derived from the trade of butcher, occur frequently.

Several entries can hardly be understood. In 1551 "the receipts of the Scott" forms a heading under which are entered payments of small sums by three persons, and following this is an entry of the receipt of 7s. 3d. as "the sum of the offering," what offering being unspecified. In the same year also occurs this, "for loking of a writing to a master of law," 3s. 1d. In 1552, 9d. was paid "for Queen Mary's obit."; in 1567, 2s. for making an indictment against John Symons "for fighting in the church upon Easter Day," and in 1571, 9d. to the "clark of the Commemoration." In 1581, 5s. was "delivered to the goodman Parryes at the minster topte," and in 1584 the wardens purchased "half a strike of beare" or barley, for 2d. In 1596 the wardens paid 6d. "to the office for fees due upon the exhibiting of our bill touching the enquiry and presentment of recusants," and on this occasion the wardens and other parishioners who were presentors treated themselves to a dinner at Walter Walker's at a cost of 3s.

In a work of this nature it is hardly possible that it should be carried out without errors creeping in, and for these I crave the kind consideration of those who may discover them. One or two I myself have observed, which have escaped notice in reading the proof; but none I think which are of importance enough to warrant especial mention. After the following list of churchwardens I have placed a few remarks which the Rev. A. S. Porter has kindly written upon the fragment of the accounts of St. Helen's prefixed in this book to those of St. Michael's in Bedwardine.

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LIST OF CHURCHWARDENS

Of St. Michael's in Bedwardine mentioned in these Accounts, with their probable years of office :—

1539	Roger Bury.	1557	Hugh Fletcher.
	William Pers.		John Oseland.
1541	Mr. Burn.	1558	William Bland.
	Thomas Go.		William Grafton.
1542	William Burnham alias	1559	William Lye.
	Skinner.		Henry Malten.
1543	Daniel Boyce.	1560	John Parker.
	Richard Wake.		Humphrey Stathan.
1544	William Bland.	1561	Roger Foliott.
	John Malte.		Nicholas Broke.
1545	Richard Fisher.	1562	Nicholas Broke.
	John Taylor [? Apowell].		Thomas Naylor.
1546	Richard Fisher.	1563	Thomas Naylor.
	John Apowell.		Roger Foliott.
1547	John Hyett.	1567	John Oseland.
	Richard Alen.		John Birde.
1548	Roger Foliott.	1568	John Birde.
	John Hastings.		Humphrey Peryn.
1549	Roger Foliott.	1569	Humphrey Peryn.
	John Hastings.		William Ford.
1550	Nicholas Burnam	1570	William Ford.
	[? Brooke].		Roger Foliott.
	George Wall.	1571	Roger Foliott.
1551	Nicholas Brooke.		Thomas Mucklowe.
	George Wall.	1572	Robert Wall[ker].
1552	William Bland.		Thomas Mucklowe.
	John Danks.	1573	Thomas Mucklowe.
1553	John Parker.		Thomas Fydo.
	Richard Acton.	1574	Thomas Fydo.
1554	Richard Fisher.		Roger Coffyn.
	George Wall.	1579	Richard Alen.
1556	Hugh Fletcher.		Walter Walker.
	William Wright.	1580	Edward Archpole.

1580 Thomas Fletcher.
 1581 John Bland.
 Richard Chelmarsh.
 1582 Roger Folliott.
 Richard Chelmarsh.
 1583 Roger Folliott.
 1584 John Byrde.
 William Ford.
 1585 William Ford.
 Nicholas Phillips.
 1586 William Ford.
 Nicholas Phillips.
 1587 Nicholas Phillips.
 Walter Walker.
 1588 Walter Walker.
 Nicholas Chelmarsh.
 1589 Nicholas Chelmarsh.
 William Elvins.
 1590 William Elvins.
 Robert Carrington.
 1591 Robert Carrington.
 Thomas Mynshewe.

1592 Thomas Mynshewe.
 Morris Davys.
 1593 John Bird.
 Thomas Cromp.
 1594 Thomas Cromp.
 Nicholas Arch.
 1595 Nicholas Arch.
 Guthlake Fol.
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sentative through the Zachary family of the Mucklows, and has inherited their estates and papers.

Among these latter are several which throw much light on the history of the family. Richard Mucklow seems to have been a partner with his father, William Mucklow, as a merchant at Antwerp and Worcester, and he was evidently at Antwerp during part of the time covered by these accounts, for a letter is extant from the father to the son dated Tuesday, July 19, 1519, desiring him to purchase there various articles, among which he specified "a cross bow with "a rack to it, the smallest little rack that can bend the bow."

They seem to have prospered in their business and bought the manor of Martley, which then included Areley, and to have held property in Worcester, in Kempsey, at Crowneast and at Halesowen.

Richard is described in the Visitation of 1569 as living at "Hodon in com Worster." This is Holden, or, as it was sometimes called, Howdends, in the parish of Kempsey; it was sold by his descendant, William Mucklow, on the 11th of September, 22nd of James 1st, to Sir William Courter of London.

Our Churchwarden married Catherine, daughter of John Arden of Warwickshire, and had five sons and two daughters, one of whom married Edward Reynales. His relations with his son-in-law do not seem to have been cordial, if we may judge from the following letter dated December, 1548, from Anthony Harecourt to Thomas Arden at the Lodge, co. Warwick:

"If any one goes before Christmas to Master Mucklow, you may "send word that it is a mortal shame that he pay not his money "to his son-in-law for he has sent Master Mucklow in pleasures "worth 20 marks and he never sent him again the value of "a cheese."

The will of Richard Mucklow is dated March 9th, 1554, he is described as of Howden in the parish of Kempsey. He desires that his body should be buried at Martley in the parish church, and leaves the greater part of his property to his eldest son Symon.

The accounts of St. Helen's are well written on fine sheets of the well-known *hand* paper, which had no doubt been brought by Richard Mucklow from the Low Countries, where that description of paper was chiefly made. Just as foolscap takes its name from the original water-mark, so hand-paper, which was generally 12" by

8½", took its name from its own water mark, a hand pointing to a five-pointed star. This was one of the oldest marks, and was constantly used by the presses of Germany and the Netherlands in the early days of printing.

The accounts themselves present few points of difficulty, notes have been added at the base of each page where explanation seemed to be needed, and it is only necessary to refer here to a few points which appear to call for more detailed comment.

First as to the date when the year was held to begin. The date chosen at St. Helen's was the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin, December 8th. This choice is unusual, Wardens' accounts being generally presented in January, February or March, though there are instances of the year running from Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

The evidence as to Seat Money is curious and interesting. It is unnecessary to say much on this matter here, as fuller evidence is forthcoming from the accounts of St. Michael in Bedwardine. It seems certain that money was paid to the Churchwardens and the seat reserved for life or for some term of years with their full knowledge and consent, and it will be observed that at this period, as was the case earlier, the *men* seldom availed themselves of this privilege. Langland describes Envy as

"yparoked in puwes
"Among wives and wodewes."

It will be noticed that the "organs" occupied their usual place in the roodloft. The invariable use of the plural form of the word is well explained by Dr. Hopkins in his papers on the "English Mediæval Church Organ" in the *Archæological Journal*, vol. 45. No mention is made of any stipend for the organist, and there is no trace of the existence of a choir. Only five other parish churches in Worcester had organs, viz., All Saints, St. Andrew's, St. Michael's, St. Martin's, and St. Peter's. They also existed at the Black Friars and the Grey Friars, the latter being in the Choir. There were three pairs of organs at the Cathedral, one in the Chapel of St. Edmund, one in the Chapel of St. George, and one in the Choir.

Holly and ivy were purchased for the Christmas decorations. The charge not unfrequently occurs in Churchwardens' accounts

about this date. Thus we find in the books of the parish of St. Lawrence, Reading, in A.D. 1505:—

Item payed to Makrell for the holy (holly) bush agayn Christmas ij*d*.

According to the evidence before us it would appear that the Churchwardens of St. Helen's collected what they could in Peter farthings and made up the balance. Robert Farmer was the Rural Dean of Worcester, and it was through him that the Peter farthings were paid. That this was part of the duties of his office appears from the following Charter of Bishop Simon:—

"Ego Symon Dei Gracia Wigornensis Episcopus dono et perpetualiter concedo fratribus et filiis nostris ejusdem nostri sedis Denarios Sancti Petri quos *decani* nostri de terris eorum exigere solebant."

The "Waking of the Sepulchre" by two paid men was observed at St. Helen's, it is called in these accounts "waching the light about the sepulchre." In the Yatton accounts we have the same custom mentioned under different forms, e.g.

A.D. 1455, for the mynde of Wylliam Maleyll and Annese Harris ij*d*.

A.D. 1468, to J. Harnell for ij nygts wakyng the sepulcure ij*d*.

The entry for "collis (charcoal) for hallowing the fyre" is worthy of notice. The whole office for the Benediction of Fire on Easter Even is given by Chambers in his "Divine Worship in England," page 201. The full meaning of its symbolism and its early history is very obscure. Chambers states that the rite can be traced back for fourteen hundred years, and some students of ritual have held that it was originally a pagan custom, which was afterwards hallowed to Christian uses.

Charges are made for the hallowing of a "corperas" or corporal and also of a chalice. The chalices, patens and corporals were never used till they had received a solemn Benediction by the Bishop, and these offices of Consecration form an important part of all the Ancient Pontificals from the time of Ecgbert, A.D. 740 downwards.

Those who are interested in this matter will find the subject treated in Chambers' book with the utmost elaboration and care.

This benediction could not have been performed by the Bishop of Worcester, for Sylvester Gigles was then in Rome. We find from the Register of Prior Moore that about this time Ralph, Bishop

of Ascalon, was acting as suffragan, and that he held an ordination in the Charnel House Chapel, it is therefore very probable that it was he who hallowed this chalice and corporal. In some churchwardens' accounts the fact that the suffragan had given the Benediction is specially noted, thus at Yatton we find this entry :—

A.D. 1453 pro consecratione campane, suffraganeo vjs.

It will be observed that the Wardens charge for the writing of their accounts by a hired hand, and as Bishop Hobhouse has pointed out, they were obliged to trust that hand for spelling, a craft then in its infancy, and enjoying the widest freedom from rule.

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CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

OF THE

CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

AND OF

ST. MICHAEL'S IN BEDWARDINE,

IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

OF THE

CHURCH OF ST. HELEN IN THE CITY OF
WORCESTER, FOR THE YEARS 1519 AND 1520.

<i>Sent Helyne Churche.</i>	The accompt of John Father and Richard Mukelow wardens of the Church afore-said from the feste of the Conceptione of Our Lady anno x ^o unto the same feste anno xj ^o that is to say for a hole yere complet.
<i>Arr:</i>	of money received of the arrears as appereth in the foot of the laste accompt viijs. ijd.
<i>Lux fulgebit¹.</i>	of money received at Crestomas viijs. vjd.
<i>Pascall money.</i>	of money received at Estur xxxs. vd.
<i>Whitsonetide.</i>	of money received Nichill nl.
<i>Oure lady light².</i>	of money received iijs. vjd.
<i>S. Katherine light².</i>	of money received iijs. iiijd.
<i>Standing afore the Churche.</i>	of money received at the Fayre ijs. ix <i>d</i> .
<i>Clurk's wages.</i>	of money received of diverse of the parish as apperethe be a bill for half yere xlijs. vjd.
<i>Peterfarthings.</i>	of money received ijs. ijd.
<i>Pewe money.</i>	of money received of John Taylur wife wever iiij <i>d</i> . of John Tailur wife cocos ³ iiij <i>d</i> . of John Weber wife the younger iiij <i>d</i> . of Andrew Alsope wife iiij <i>d</i> . of Jone Ballingham iiij <i>d</i> . of Margere

¹ "Lux fulgebit hodie super nos" is the Introit for the *Missa in Aurora* on Christmas Day in the Hereford and Sarum Missals.

² The Lady Chapel and St. Katherine's Chapel were the chancel aisles of the Church.

³ Cook.

	Collies <i>iiijd.</i> of Marget Glover <i>iiijd.</i> of Thomas Collens wife <i>iiijd.</i> of Wil- liam Baker wife <i>iiijd.</i> of William Pen- rice wife <i>vijid.</i> of Thomas Bullenham wife <i>iiijd.</i> <i>iiij.</i>
<i>Forene receipt.</i>	of Edmonde Childe for the hold organs <i>xxxiijs. iiijd.</i>
<i>Alowance.</i>	Sm. to ^{li} receipts <i>vjd. viijs. ix.</i> Ferst we ask alowance for holly and eyvy agenst Crestomas <i>ijd.</i> and for collis ¹ at Estur unto the hallowinge of the fyre <i>ijd.</i> and for the skoring ² of the latene stuf agenst Estur <i>vijd. xjd.</i>
<i>Clark's wages.</i>	Item paid unto Edmond Coombs clark for his wage for the space of half a yere <i>xls.</i>
<i>Reparacions of the Vestments.</i>	Item paid for j unce of Venis ³ gold <i>ijs. iiijd.</i> Item for ij ells and half Towke ⁴ <i>ijs. vjd.</i> Item for sewing silke <i>iiij.</i> <i>ijd.</i> Item for Dymy silke <i>vjd.</i> Item for the weving ij unce silk <i>iiijd.</i> Item for thred <i>vd.</i> Item for iij quarters and j nail Damask <i>vjs. vjd.</i> Item for a yard and half canvas <i>vjd.</i> Item for serving Candill <i>jd.</i> Item paid unto the browderer for the space of x daies and half by the day <i>vijd.</i> Sm. <i>vjs. ijd.</i> <i>xxiijs. vd.</i>
<i>Charge about the new organs.</i>	Item paid for the taking downe of the old organs and the lofte of them and for the mending of the Rode loft <i>iiij.</i> <i>iiijd.</i> and for paving stone in the churche <i>xxijd.</i> and for lyme and sande <i>ijd.</i> and for a workman and his servant for paving in the Churche for the space of j day <i>ix.</i> <i>vijs. ijd.</i>

¹ Charcoal.² Scouring.³ Venice.⁴ Tuke, a kind of buckram.

<i>Charge about the Bells.</i>	Item paid Alexander Stilband for the mending of the clappers of the bells with other eyron warke unto them vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
<i>Charge about the making of the new house for beris¹.</i>	Item paid for the timber, bords, eyron warke and carpenter's wage vijs. ij <i>d</i> .
<i>Reparacions of the Jewells.</i>	Item paid for the mending of the best crosse and for the mending of a chalis iij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
<i>Forene exp.</i>	Item for cloth and for the making of a surples unto the parish priest viij <i>s</i> . and for the mending of the Clarke surples iiij <i>d</i> . and for the hallowing of corperas and gurdells ² viij <i>d</i> . and for the mending of the bawdricks ³ of the bells v <i>d</i> . ix <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
„	Item more paid unto Robert Farmer for the Peterfarthinge iij <i>s</i> .
„	Item paid unto Mr. Thomas Monox for the making of light and wax the space of this accompt xxxvijs. v <i>d</i> .
„	Item paid for the making and writing of this accompt viij <i>d</i> . Sm. to ¹¹ s allowance v <i>j</i> . xix <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> . and so the allowance excedit the charge the sm. of x <i>j</i> s. so that the church is in dett at this accompt.
	Verte follm.
<i>Clarke wage owing for the yere paste.</i>	Mr. Thomas Ybull for a quarter xij <i>d</i> . Rowland Instoke for a quarter j <i>d</i> . Thomas Hoper for a quarter j <i>d</i> . Robert Bere for a quarter j <i>d</i> . John Wever cowper for a quarter j <i>d</i> . Elsabeth Perkens for a quarter j <i>d</i> . Roger Colley for half yere ij <i>d</i> . John Corbett for half yere ij <i>d</i> . Robert Smeth for half yere ij <i>d</i> .

¹ The parish bier.² Girdles.³ Leather straps for hanging the clappers.

	John Golderney for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	John Wells for a quarter	j <i>d</i> .
	Robert Ionson for a quarter	j <i>d</i> .
	Robert Robenson for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Richard Swayne for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Willm̄ Smeth for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Willm̄ Sharp for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Ellenor Ellows for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Margere Yong for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Elsabeth Marthene for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Richard Mother for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Thomas Fene for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Margere Meunes for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Richard Tuke for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Anne Martene for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Oswald for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
	Davy Dipper for half yere	ij <i>d</i> .
		iiijs. vj <i>d</i> .
<i>Pewe money owing</i>	Richard Collins Taylur	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
	Stephene Ellows	iii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
		vii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .
<i>Inovements</i> ¹ .	Item. A awter Clothe with a fringe of the gefte of Thos. Alowther.	
	Item. Half a ell of fyne hulland of the gefte of John Apries wife.	
<i>S. Helene Church.</i>	The accompt of Richard Mukelow and Thomas Bullengham wardens of the Church aforesaid from the feste of the Conception of our Lady anno xj unto the same feste anno xij that is to say for the hole yere complet.	
<i>Arr :</i>	of arrears none as appeareth in the foot of the last accompt.	Nichill.
<i>Lux fulgebit.</i>	of money received at Cristemas	viijs. vij <i>d</i> .
<i>Paschall money.</i>	of money received at Estur	xixs.
<i>Pentecoste.</i>	of money received at Whitsontide all costs and charges borene	xiijs. ii <i>j</i> <i>d</i> .

¹ A most unusual word. It seems to mean "new things."

<i>Standing afore the Church.</i>	of money receyved at the fayre dais	ijs.
<i>Owre lady light.</i>	of money received of the said light	ijs.
<i>S. Katherine light.</i>	of money receyved of this same light	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
<i>Peterfarthings.</i>	of money receyved of Peterfarthings	ijs.
<i>Set money.</i>	of money receyved of Richard	
	Herken	iiij <i>d.</i>
	of John Russell wyf	iiij <i>d.</i>
	of Joan Favell	iiij <i>d.</i>
	of Robert Taylur	iiij <i>d.</i> ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
	of Andrew	iiij <i>d.</i>
	of John Orton	iiij <i>d.</i>
	of Robt. Hid's wif	iiij <i>d.</i>
<i>Clark wage.</i>	of money receyved for hys first	
	quart	xxs. ix <i>d.</i>
	of money receyved for hys se-	
	cond quart	xixs. iiij <i>d.</i>
	of money receyved for hys third	
	quart	xixs. iiij <i>d.</i>
		lixs. v <i>d.</i>
	Summum tot ^{lis} recept cxij <i>s.</i> xj <i>d.</i>	
<i>Alloc.</i>	Ferste we ask alowance for holy	
	and eyvy agenste Crestomas	ij <i>d.</i>
	Item paid more for the mending	
	of the lampe	ix <i>d.</i>
		xj <i>d.</i>
<i>Reparacion abowte the</i>	Item paid for timber unto the same	iiij <i>d.</i>
<i>beris.</i>	Item paid for nails and taks	iiij <i>d.</i>
	Item paid for claspes	j <i>d.</i>
	Item paid unto a carpenter for ij	
	daies wage with a clap making	xij <i>d.</i>
		xx <i>d.</i>
<i>For the making of the</i>	Item paid for thre bords	xij <i>d.</i>
<i>covering over the beris.</i>	Item more for tymber for legg	
	and unto the fete	ij <i>d.</i>
	Item paid for nailes	ij <i>d.</i>
	Item paid gemellis ¹	ix <i>d.</i>
	Item paid for carpenter for ij daies	xij <i>d.</i>
		iijs. j <i>d.</i>

¹ Hinges.

<i>Mending of the Setts.</i>	Item paid for tymber unto the same	ijd.
	Item paid more for iiij claspes eyron	iiij <i>d.</i>
	Item paid unto a carpenter for a day and half wage	ix <i>d.</i>
		xv <i>d.</i>
<i>Mending of the Church Windows.</i>	Item paid unto a glasyer for the mending of the Church Wyndowes	vjs.
	Item more paid for lyme, sande and nailes unto the same	v <i>d.</i>
		vjs. v <i>d.</i>
<i>Repairs abowte the Bells.</i>	Item paid unto Willm Phily for the mending of a bawdrike	iiij <i>d.</i>
	Item paid unto the same for new bawbrike	xij <i>d.</i>
	Item mor paid for ij new mor besid	xvj <i>d.</i>
	Item mor paid unto Blok the Carpenter for the tynsshing ¹ of iiij of the bells	xvii <i>d.</i>
	Item for a man to helpe hyme	vd.
	Item paid unto Saunders Smith for eyron work unto the same	vd.
	Item paid for nailes unto the same	j <i>d.</i>
		vs. j <i>d.</i>
<i>Reparacion of the Boks.</i>	Item paid unto Fred Glover for the bynding and coverng of the servyce boks	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
<i>For the Peterferthings.</i>	Item paid unto Robert Farmer for the Peterfarthing	iijs.
<i>For the Clark Forene expenses.</i>	Item paid unto John Sadeler our clark for his wagis for the space of three quarter wagis	ii <i>d.</i>
	Item paid for the mending of a chalis	ij <i>d.</i>

¹ The same as "trussing," i.e. banding the bell yokes with iron straps going through the cannons.

Item paid for the skowring of canstyks ¹	viijs.
Item paid for a rolle ² unto the priest on Palmsonday	j <i>d</i> .
Item paid for wachinge of the light abowte the Sepulcre	ij <i>d</i> .
Item paid unto Nicholas Moris for his laber on Palmson- daye and Good Fridaye	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for the mending of a Senser	v <i>d</i> .
Item paid unto the Ringers on our Dedicacion Daye	ij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for a key and for the mending of ij loks in the Rode loft	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for the hallowing a chalis	viijs.
Item paid for iiij gerdells	j <i>d</i> .
Item paid for the skowring of ij basons agenste Reliko Sunday ³	
Item paid for a corde unto the organs	
Item paid for a rope unto the litell bell	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for vij ells of cloth unto a surples unto the clark iijs. v <i>d</i> . and unto the makyng thereof x <i>d</i> .	iijs. ij <i>d</i> . vijs. viij <i>d</i> .
<i>Tyler.</i> Item paid for ij strike lyme	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item paid for ij strike sand	j <i>d</i> .
Item paid for ij bords	vij <i>d</i> .

¹ Candlesticks.² The bede roll on which was entered the names of all benefactors. It was read over from the pulpit to the parishioners several times in each year.³ Relic Sunday, the third Sunday after Midsummer, for the reverence of Saints' relics.

John Frende	xxs.
Johannes Pewtterer alias Mathewe	xls.
John Scryvener	xs.
William Pers alias Baker	xxs.
Johannes Asterley	vs.
Walter Skynner	xxxiijs. iiijd.
William Blande	liijs. iiijd.
Johnsone the Brotherer	vs.
Thomas Gowld	xls.
Phillipe Lechmore	vs.
Came thelder and Came the yonger	xiijs. iiijd.
Jeffrey Tayler	xxd.
Richard Parker	vs. iiijd.
John Gought	xliijs.

Summa xj*l*. xs.

2*b*, 3, 3*b*. [Three blank pages follow the above. Several of these names are marked with crosses in the margin, and against the cross is placed a small "p." Against the amounts following the names so denoted there are also crosses. A light scribble in the margin against Johnsone the Brotherer's name reads as follows: "Note. Ye church e owyt him iiij*s*."]]

4. Memorandum that I, Roger Hughes, parson of Saynt Michel's in Bedwarden, receaved of the church money xj*l*. xviijs. iiij*d*. to be distrubuted amoungst the parishioners there, to be paid at the next day of accompts.

Imprimis delyuered to William Burnham alias Skynner one of ye wardens	xxs.
Item delyuered to John Mathewes, pewterer	xxs.
Item delyuered to John Hyette, screvener	xs.
Item to Thomas Putchmaker	xs.
Item to John Gowgh	xxs.
Item to Thomas Bydell	xxs.
Item to John Lynley	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Davy Capper	vs.
Item to John Davys	vs.
Item to John Frende, without a bill	xxs.
Item to Thomas Johnson	vs.
Item to Thomas Bylford	vs.
Item to John Esterley, smyth	vs.
Item to Roger Wills	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

Item to Richard Wake	xs.
Item to Thomas Gowld	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to Jeffrey Tayler, —bury	vs.
Item to Maister Came and his sone	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Archard	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to Curtes	vs.
Item to Maister Burne	xvijs.
Item to Maister Blande	xxs.

Summa xj*li*. xvijs. iiij*d*.

[Thus far in firm good handwriting: most of the names have "p" and a cross before them. At the bottom of the page in another hand and in varying ink, as if written at different times, begins what follows, which is continued over leaf.]

[1540.] Memorandum that the parson hathe made his account for thys some a bove wret the second day of Nouember the xxxij yere of owre souerent lord Kyng Henry the viij^t.

Item Wyllyam Fener owyt	xxvjs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item Robert Penryce owyt	xxxiijs. iij <i>d</i> .
4b. Item Received of Maistres Frewen the same day	xxs.
Item Received of Roger Bury	xijs. v <i>d</i> .
Item Received of Roger Bury and Wyllyam Baker	ij <i>li</i> .
Item Received of Nycolas Horganmaker	xs.
Item Received of Mr. Blande for his fathur and hym self xlvs. v <i>d</i> .	
Item Received of Wyllyam Stener	xls.
Summa Recepta in Mr. Borne's hands, xvj <i>li</i> . xiijs. iij <i>d</i> .	

5. [1543.] The accompts of Mr. Daniel Boyce and Richard Wake, churche wardens of the parishe church of Saint Mighel's in Bedwarden, made the second daye of Nouember the xxxv^{teth} year of the raygne of our Soueraigne Lorde King Henrie height, in the presence of the hole or most parte of the parishoners there.

Recepta per magistrum Danyell Boyce.

Imprimis Received of Mr. Blane the ix^{teth} daye of Nouember
xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item received of the said Mr. Blane
xij*d*.

Receipts of Richard Wake.

Imprimis received at the hands of Maister Burne for Thomas
Archard
vjs. viij*d*.

Item for the Rode light and sepulter light	vijs. jd.
Item for the dressyng of the sepulter	iiijd.
8b. Item for a cheyne to tye the Bible	iiijd.
Item for a peare of gloues for the clerke's ease	ijd.
Item for oyle	jd.
Summa xljs. iiijd.	

And so there remaynes due to the churche in the handes of the
said John, all thynges allowed hym xvjs. xd.

The Receipts of Richard Fisher.

Imprimis of William Skynner of Dett that he owed to the churche	xxs.
Item received of George Malten for iij quarters' rent for the pasture aforesaid due at Mighellmas	xls.
Item received of William Saunderson for the dett of John Mathewes	iijs. iiijd.
Item received of the seid Hardwick for Lyndleye's dett vjs. viijd.	
Summa totalis recepta iiij <i>li</i> . xs.	

Payd by the said Richard Fisher.

Imprimis to the parson for ij quarters' stipend	xiijs. iiijd.
Item payd to the clerk on half yere's wage	xiijs.
Item payd to John Malten for the conductyng of a soldyer	vs.
Item for the weshing of the churche clothes for on hole yere	ijs.
Item for ij bell ropes	xxd.
Item for scowryng of candlesticks	ixd.
Item for a balderick for a bell	viijd.
9. Item for Coles at Easter	ijd.
Item for frankensence	ijd.
Item for Whitson farthyngs	vd.
Item for mendyng of ij Surples	iijd.
Summa totalis xxxvijs. iiijd.	

And so there remaynes in the handes of Richard Fisher althyngs
allowed xxxijs. viijd.

And so there remaynes in the handes of the seid wardens due to
the churche xlixs. vjd.

[1546.] The Accompt of John Apowell and Richard Fysher
Churchwardens of the parishe of Seynt Mighelle's in Bed-

wardyne in the xxxviii^o yere of our soueraigne lord Kyng
Henrie the Eight.

The receipts of John Apowell.

Imprimis of Philip Lechmer for on yeres rent of his house	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Item received of John Hardwick for Lyndley's dett	iijs. iiij ^d .
Item received at Easter for hoselyng money	vjs. ij ^d .
Item received for Roode light	xx ^d .
Item received of William Saunderson for John Mathewes' dett	xs.
Summa xxxiijs. vjd.	

96. Payd bie the seid John.

Imprimis gyven in almes to the pore	ijs. viij ^d .
Item payd to Thomas Barbor for makyn the rode lyght and the paschall	vjs. vjd.
Item at Easter for coles frankensence and for a peare of gloves for the clerke	xd.
Item for scowryng of the greate lampe	ix ^d . ob.
Item payd for the rerage of the Whitson farthyng to Edward Porter	vd.
Item for dressyng of the Sepulture at Easter	iiij ^d .
Item for the bawdrick of a bell	viij ^d .
Item allowed to Philip Lechmer for the reparacions of his house	vs. xd.
Item for makyng of a bill to the Kyng's surveyors for our church landes	iiij ^d .
Item for mendyng of a seate	ij ^d .
Summa xviijs. vjd. ob.	

And so there remaynes in the handes of the seid John to be
payd to the church xvs. xjd. ob.

The Receipts of Richard Fisher.

Imprimis of George Malten for on yere's rent of the pasture at Severne Stoke	liijs. iiij ^d .
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Payd bie the seid Richard.

Imprimis for oyle and frankensence	ij ^d .
Item for makyng of dores to seats in the church	xxij ^d .

Item payd to the parson for his stipend for iij quarters of the yere	xxxs.
10. Item for mendyng of Mr. Borne's seate and his wiffe's	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for moving the pulpitt and mendyng the seate where he stode	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item payd to Thomas Gold for ij keyes and for hynge for seate	xx <i>d</i> .
Item for the subsidie for the churche lands	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to the pore	ijs.
Item for weshyng of the churche clothes for the yere	ijs.
Item for mendyng of Surples	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for Whitson farthynges	vd.
Item for a bawdrick for a bell	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for recordyng the last yere's accompt and this yere's accompt	xx <i>d</i> .

Summa xxxviij*s*. vd.

And so there remaynes in the hands of the seid Richard to the churche xiiij*s*. xj*d*.

This Accompt allowed there remaynes in the hands of the seid John and Richard clere to the churche xxx*s*. xd. ob.

[This last sentence has been written a second time and then crossed out.]

10 <i>b</i> . [1547.] Detts owing vnto the churche of Seynt Mighelie's in Bedwardyne and not payd the vij daye of January Anno Regno Regio Henrici xxxviiij ^o	
Imprimis John Gough dothe owe bie his owne confession in the presence of the parishe	xliij <i>s</i> .
Item Richard Walker dothe owe	xx <i>s</i> . ob.
Item Danyell Boyse	xxx <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
Item Margery James, late Frewen's wiff	x <i>l</i> s.
Item Thomas Johnson, broderar	vs.
Item George Woolie	vs.
Item John Mathewes, pewterar	xv <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
Item Jefferey, taylor	vs.
Item David, capper	vs.
Item Mr. Thomas Mores	xxxvijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item William Burnam alias Skynner	xxxiiij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .

Whereof payd to Richard Fishar xxs. and to John Malten
 iijs. iiij^d. and so remayneth xs.
 Item Thomas Porchmaker vs.

11, 11^b, 12, 12^b, 13, 13^b. [Three blank leaves follow, one of them being composed of a piece of parchment from a manuscript missal.]

14. [1547, Dec. 26.] This is the accompte of John Hyett, Churchwardyne of Saynt Michel's in Bedwardyne, beinge within the Countie and Dioces of Worcester, made on Saynt Steven's daye in the fyrst yeare of the raygne of our Soueraigne Lorde Edwarde the Syxt, By the grace of God Kynge of England fraunce and Ireland, defender of the fayth and of the Church of England and also of Ireland in Erthe the supreme heade.

The Receytes.

Imprimis Receyved of Richarde Fysher xs.
 Item receyved of Rycharde Salwey of Pyrton for halfe yeare's
 rent due at the Annunciation of our lady xxxvjs. viij^d.
 Item receyved of Hustlynge money vijs. xd.
 Item receyved of lyght money iiijs.
 Item receyved of Richarde Salwey of Pyrton for halfe yeare's
 rent due at the feast of Saynt Michael tharchaungell
xxxvjs. viij^d.
 Item Receyved of Philippe Lechemore for halfe yeare's Rent due
 at the feast of Saynt Michael tharchaungell vjs. viij^d.
 Item Receyved of Thomas Skere for his seat and his wyffe's xij^d.
Summa iiij^{li}. iis. xd.

The paymentes.

At Chrystmas for the Roode lyght and the lampe lyght [sic]
 Item for the makynge of xxv^{li} ^{li}. waxe xij^d. ob.
 Item for xiiij ^{li}. newe waxe iiijs. viij^d.
 Item for flowres for the Tapers of the Roode lyght ij^d.
 Item for fyve waxe Tapers for the lampe viij^d.
Summa vjs. vj^d. ob.

14^b. At the Kyng's Highnes' dirige and masse.

Item for fyve Tapers xd.
 Item a masse jd.
 Item for the mendynge of the bere and herse ij^d.
 Item for the Colowrynge of two wodden canstycks blacke ij^d.
 Item for brede and ale for the ryngers then iiij^d. ob.
 Item for ryngynge vj^d.

Item for two papers of the Kyng's Armes to sett on the Kyng's
herse iiij*d.*

Summa ijs. iiiij*d. ob.*

The mendinge of the seates in the hyerende of the Churche.

Item payde for two bordes xiiiij*d.*

Item payde for a C and a halfe of bordes iijs. vjd.

Item for Nayles viij*d.*

Item payd for ij peces to make Joystes ij*d.*

Summa vs. vjd.

At Ester for the sepulte lyght, the pascall lyght, the lampe
light, with the fonte taper.

Item payde for vth *li.* waxe makynge for the pascall ij*d. ob.*

Item payde for the wast of the pascall vj*d.*

Item payde for iij Tapers for the sepulter for makynge of xij *li.*
waxe vj*d.*

Item payde for the wast of the said iij Tapers vj*d.*

Item payd for one *li.* waxe and for makynge of the lampe tapers
with the fonte taper ix*d.*

Summa ijs. vd. ob.

15. For other necessities belonging to the Churche.

Item payde for lampe Oyle for the hole yeare iiiij*d. ob.*

Item payde for fraunconicens for the hole yeare iiiij*d.*

Item for nayles and pynnes for the Sepulter on Palme Sunday
and wyer for the Curteynes for the Sepulter at Ester ij*d.*

Item for Coles at Easter for the fonte jd.

Item payde to Nycolas Broke for the makynge of a new bere
with a herse iijs. iiiij*d.*

Item payde to Thomas Golde for the dressynge of the Iron
for the said bere iiiij*d.*

Item payde for Skowrynge of all the church brasyn stuffe xx*d.*

Item payd for glasyng of the Churche wyndowes xvj*d.*

Item payde to the seconde payment of the Kyng's Highnes
subsidye for the Churche landes vj*d. viij*d.**

Item payde for nayles to mende the whele of the bell ob.

Item payde to Nicholas Broke for mendynge the whele of one
of the belles viij*d.*

Item payde for a newe bell rope vd.

Item payde on Trinitie Sunday at the Colledge ij*d.*

- Item payd for the sowders goinge furthe to Skotland at
 Richarde Fysshers doore towarde the eight shyllings to
 John Apowell vij*d*.
 Item payde to John Brabant at his goinge furthe to Skotland
 ijs. vj*d*.
 Item payde to Nycholas Broke for mendynge of the payse of
 the lampe j*d*.
 Item payde for a newe Balryche for one of the belles xd.
 Item delyuered to the poore sycke woman next the parsonage xij*d*.
 Item payde at the visitacion at the delyuerance of the byll
 of presentment ij*d*.
 Item the Kyng's Iniunctions iiij*d*.
 Item the boke of the Syxe Articles iiij*d*.
 Item the pane of the pater noster the Articles of our faith
 with the ten Commandments of God ij*d*.
 [A pen stroke has been run through this item.]
 Item payde for the settinge on of a borde on the churche dore j*d*.
 Item the Kyng's boke of the Homyles xvj*d*.
 15*b*. Item payde to iijth men for rynginge at the procession for the
 victorie in Skotlande iiij*d*.
 Item for wasshyng of the Churche clothes xij*d*.
 Item payde for the poore manne's cheste vjs. viij*d*.
 Item this boke j*d*.

Summa xxxijs. ij*d*.

Summa totalis xlixs. ob.

So there remayneth in the handes of the said John Hyett
 all thyngs before dyscharged xxxijs. ix*d*. ob. to the
 Churche.

16. [1548, Nov. 1.] This vs the Accompte of John Hyett, Churche
 wardyne of Saynt Michael's in Bedwardyne, beinge within the
 Countie and Dioces of Worcester, made on all Sowlen Day
 in the seconde yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne lorde
 Edwarde the Syxte, By the grace of God Kynge of Englande
 Fraunce and Ireland, Defendour of the fayth and of the Churche
 of England and also of Ireland in Erthe the supreme head.

The receytes.

In primis receyued of Rychard Salwey of Pyrton for halfe
 a yeare's Rent due at Thannuntiacion of our lady
 xxvjths. viij*d*.

Item receyued of Philippe Lechemore for halfe yeare's Rent
due at Thannuntiacion of our lady vjs. viij*d*.

Item receyued at Easter of huslynge money ix*s*.

Item receyued of Richarde Salwey of Pyrton for halfe yeare's
Rent due at the feaste of Saynt Michael tharchaungell

xxvj^{us}. viij*d*.

Item receyued of Philippe Lechemore for halfe yeare's Rent
due at the feast of Saynt Michael tharchaungell vjs. viij*d*.

Summa iij*li*. x*vs*. viij*d*.

The paymentes.

In primis for the payntinge of the iij Aulters iiij*s*.

Item payed to John Davyes for hewing downe of the seates
of the Images in the Churche and whitelymyng the
Churche x*vd*.

Item for lyme and sande iiij*d*.

Item payed for a border sett at the aulters ende iij*d*.

Item payed for pynnes and Nayles for the dressyng of the
Sepulter at Easter j*d*. ob.

Item payed for the makynge of a tapur to sett on the Aulter
at Easter before the Sepulter iiij*d*. ob.

Item payed to Robert Browne for a Jacke two Skuelles and
a byll ix*s*.

16*o*. Item payed for a nother Jacke to the Tayler at the Knowle end
v*s*. viij*d*.

Item payed to Antony Tollye for the makynge of the dexte at
the pulpyt iiij*d*.

Item payed for the Iron Worke for the same dexte to Thomas
Golde viij*d*.

Item payed for the makynge of a new pentyce at Philippe
Lechemore's howse and for wether bordes to sett on the
backsyde of the howse

Item payde for a C or Oken bordes ijs. viij*d*.

Item payed for one Helme borde for the same v*d*.

Item payed to the Carpynter for his laboure xij*d*.

Item payed for Nayles for the same v*d*.

Item for francombesence for all the hole yeare j*d*. ob.

Item a paraphrasis in Englyshe for the churche xjs.

Item payed for glasyng of the Churche wyndowes x*vd*.

Item for Tylinge of Philippe Lechemore's howse as followeth

Item payed for hyme and sande	vd.
Item payed for Tyle[s] [the "s" is omitted]	iii <i>d.</i> ob.
Item payed for ij Tylers for a daye's worke	xii <i>d.</i>
Item for washyng of the Churche clothes	xii <i>d.</i>

Summa xii*s.* vd.

remayneth xxxviii*s.* ii*d.*

all ys ii*li.* viii*s.* ob.

to the Churche wherof is payd ii*li.* viii*s.* x*d.* [it has been written over.] This ij accoupte made and discharged by the presence of the hole paryshyoners.

[Written in the margin, "I must be allowed vi. Wayson shillings"]

17. [1547.] The accoupte of Richard Allen for the first yere of the raigne of Kyng Edward the Sixt.

The receyts of the seid Richard.

In primis of John Apwel	xs.
Item of Philyppe Lechemere for halfe yere's rent of his house endynge at the Assumption of our ladie	v <i>s.</i> viii <i>d.</i>
Summa x <i>s.</i> viii <i>d.</i>	

Allowance to the seid Richard.

In primis for fyve peare of byngs for seats in the churche	xd.
Item for nayles to the same	jd.
Item for a bawdrice to a bell	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for mendyng of the sacrament and a barre to the churche dore	vd.
Item for mendyng a bent	jd.
Item for corde for the sacrament and thre for the wpylre	jd.
Item for nayles to the same	ob.
Item for mendyng of 3 surplices	ii <i>s.</i>
Item for washyng of the churche stuff	xii <i>d.</i>
Item payd to John Beaton aprentice wyllyam beuote's Serfant	ii <i>s.</i> viii <i>d.</i>

Summa viii*s.* i*d.* ob.

And so he owen viii*s.* vd. ob.

- 17b. [1547.] The seid Richard Allen's accoupte for the second yere of Kyng Edward the Sixt.

Receyts.

In primis of Richard Allen for wyte	xd.
Summa xd.	

Allowance.

In primis payd to Maryan a pore woman	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for weshyng the church gere	xij <i>d</i> .

Summa xvj*d*.And so there remaynes to the seid Richard vj*d*.

[1547. Nov. 1.] The seid accompt is allowed payd and discharged, except jd. ob. whiche is remitted, apon All Soule's daye in the second yere of the raign of the seid Kyng.

18. At the whiche day Roger Folyatt and John Hastings were made by the consent of all the paryshyoners church wardens of Saynt Michael's in Bedwardyne, and then receyued of John Hyett and Rychard Alen the over plus of theyre Accompte iij*li*. xvs. iiij*d*., as yt appereth by these presentes.

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19. [1548, Nov. 1.] The accompt of Roger Follyatt, Church warden of the parishe of Seynt Mighelle's in Bedwardyne, beyng Church warden from the feaste of All seynts in the seconde yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne lord Kyng Edward the Sixt, vntill the fourth day of Januarij in the fourthe yere of the raigne of our seid soueraigne Lord.

The Receyts of the seid Roger.

First receaued bie the handes of John Hyett apon his accompt	iiij <i>li</i> . xvs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item of Mr. Salwey for on hole yere's rent of the ground which he hathe	lijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for an Ares coueryng which was used to the sepulter sold to Mr. Bland	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for a lampe and a senser weying xx <i>li</i> .	iijs.
Item for ij standerdes of brasse and ij candle sticks and a tynacle of brasse for Hollywater weying iij quartens of C.	xiijs.
Item for a copper crosse	ijs.
Item for a platter	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item for a Holywater pott of led and certeyne organne pypes of led weying halfe C and xij <i>li</i> ., at ob. the <i>li</i> .	ijs. xd.
Item for xiiij <i>li</i> . of pewter of organne pypes and chelles for tapers at ij <i>d</i> . the <i>li</i> .	ijs. ij <i>d</i> .

19 ^b . Item for ij small belles weying <i>vjli.</i>	<i>ixd.</i>
Item for a laten bason	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for the case of the organnes	<i>viijd.</i>
Item for the coffer of the organnes	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for the topp of the pulpitt	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for the fob of the pulpitt	<i>ijd.</i>
Item for the sayle and old clothes to couer saynts	<i>iijs. iiijd.</i>
Item for the table that stode on the high alter	<i>xijd.</i>
Item for the table that stode on the syde alter	<i>viijd.</i>
Item for the table of an other side alter	<i>viijd.</i>
Item for the trymmmer ouer the high alter	<i>xxijd.</i>
Item for ij frames and the endes of the high alter and the frame of the sepulter	<i>xvjd.</i>
Item receaued at Easter in the <i>iiij^{de}</i> yere of our soueraigne lord the Kynges raigne of Hoselyng money	<i>vjs.</i>
Item receaued at Easter in the <i>iiijth</i> yere of his grace raigne	<i>ijs. iiijd. ob.</i>

Summa *ixli. vjs. vijd. ob.*

20. Paymentes made bie the seide Roger durynge the seid tyme.

First gyven bie the consent of the parishe to Roger Willes	<i>xijd.</i>
and to Ankerett Bayliff	<i>ijs.</i>
Item delyuered to John Apowell to bye wood for the pore	<i>ijs. ijd.</i>
Item spent at the taverne bie the parishe after the accompt	<i>viijd.</i>
Item delyuered to Mr. Bland bie the consent of the parishe to bryng t[w]o daughters of the womans of the palace to London to service	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for bell ropes at on tyme	<i>xijd.</i>
Item gyven to the gold smight for weyng the Churche plate	<i>ijd.</i>
Item lend to Ales Hatmaker bie the consent of the parishe	<i>vs.</i>
Item for wrytyng of ij Inventaries of the churche goodes to the Kyng's commissioners	<i>viijd.</i>
Item spent on the parisenors at the same tyme at the taverne	<i>vjd.</i>
Item gyven in almes in the parishe at Easter in the <i>iiij^{de}</i> yere of the Kyngs grace raigne	<i>xijs.</i>
Item payd for the fyndyng of Ankerett Bayly and on to kepe her in her sicknes	<i>iijs. viijd.</i>
Item for Whitson farthyngs for the same yere	<i>vd.</i>

First lend to Roger Follyatt havyng for his suertie for the
payment thereof Thomas Gold xiijs. iiijd.

Item to John Hastyngs havyng for his suertie Richard Fisser
xiijs. iiijd.

Item to Robert Browne havyng for his suertie John Danks xxs.

Item to Thomas Powell havyng for his suertie John Apowell
xiijs. iiijd.

[This entry is crossed out.]

Item to Richard Acton havyng for his suertie William Wright
xs.

Item to Hugh Flecher havyng for his suertie Mr. Richard
Fisher vs.

Item to John Malten havyng for his suertie Mr. Fisher
xiijs. iiijd.

Item to William Wright havyng for his suertie Richard Acton xs.

Item to John Oseland havyng for his suertie Roger Follyatt
xiijs. iiijd.

Item to Leonard Patricke havyng for his suertie Thomas Gold xs.

23d. Item to Thomas Payne havyng for his suertie John Apowell and
Mr. Fisher vs.

Item to Thomas Hammon havyng for his suertie William
Burnam vs.

Item to George Wall church warden vjs. viijd.

Item to William Watson havyng for his suertie Richard Ligh
vjs. viijd.

Somma vijl. vs. and xiiijd. more drooke at the taverne amongst
the parishenors and so the hole somme is vijl. vjs. ijid.

24. [1551.] This ys the accomptes of Nycolas Broke and Gorge Walle,
churche wardynes of Saynt Michell's in Beūwardyne, beinge
within the Countie and dioces of Worcester, the xv day of
November the feyfte yere of the Raygne of our Soeraygne
Lorde Edward the Syxte. Be the grace of God Kyng of
England France and Ireland defendour [his word is repeated]
of the fayeth and of the Church of Englonde ande aliko
of Ireland in erth the supreme head.

The Receytes

In primis Receyvd of Fylyppe Lechmore for the hole yere's
rentes xiijs. iiijd.

Item for takyng downe of the alters and payyng where the seid alters stode	lijs. iiiijs. d.
Item for vj strike of lyme	xvj. d.
21b. Item for the facyng of the same lyme	jd.
Item for ij C of bricke to pave with	xviij. d.
Item for the caryage of the same	vj. d.
Item for sand	ij. d.
Item for mending the wall under the chancel window and stoppyng of holes in the seid chancel	xj. d.
Item for weshyng for on hole yere	ij. s.
Item gyven in almes at Cristemas in the vijth yere	xs.
Summa xxxij. s. jd.	

The seid some of xxxij. s. jd. allowed there remaynes in the church upon this account ja. ij. d. the iij. day of January in anno 1550. The which sum of ja. and ij. d. the said John Hastings hath paid in the presens of the hole parische and is dyschargid.

22. Church wardens chosyn at the same day.

Nicholas Burnam.

George Wail.

vj men chosyn the same tyme.

Richard Fysber.

William Bland.

John Apowell.

John Hastyngs.

Richard Alen.

John Walton.

Paid the same day by Mr. Fysber and John Apowell for dyschard of theyre accounts and so they rest dischargid upon a tryall.

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22b.

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23. [1550, Jan. 5.] Money distributed of here amongst the parishioners to be payed to the church agayne in the hands of the vj men chosen or to thre of them or this tyme the feasts of All Seynts next ensuyng the date hereof upon these termes as folowithe. Done upon twelfth yere, Anno. d. d. Edwardi vj. s. iij. d.

[In the margin, at 'xv', viij. iij. d.]

ffyrst receuyd of y^e foresayd church wardens for y^e ouerplus off
theyre acownt for this there yeare xliijs. iiij^d.

And so be dyscharged.

And so remayneth in Philipe Letchemore's hand for the haulfe
yere's rent of his house vjs. viij^d.

Reseuyd off y^e debts off y^e church y^t was delyuered this same
yeare.

Furst Recenyd of Roger Folliat.

off John Hastyngs.

off Wylliam Watson.

off Robart Browne.

[There are no sums affixed to these names, and they have been crossed out
with penstrokes.]

At which daye y^e consent of y^e whole paryshe y^t haue chosen
for churchwardens John Apowell and Thomas Fletchar.

Syx men chosen that ys to sey,

Rychard Fysshar.

Wylliam Bland.

Nycolas Brooke.

Rychard Allen.

John Hastynges.

John Maulton.

25^b. The a counte of Wylliam Blaund and John Daunks made
be fore the whole paryshe and hath delyuered vp to the new
wardens John Parker and Rycharde Acton [the names are interlined]
iiij^d. vjs. x^d. and be dyscargyd.

Item also a challys and two pattens, the cover of a pyxe, the
fote of the sylver crosse, a crvsyfyxe that was in the cover
of the pyxe, a lytyll sylver boule, the lytyll boule of the
pyxe that the crvsyfyxe stode in, vj peses of sylver gylte,
a lytyll bell wyth owte a clap, two brasen canstycks, two
paynted clothes, a paule of sylke, two surples for chylders,
two avbes, a tabyll cloth, fyve towels, the parson's sorples,
and the clerk's sorples, a course pavle, a here clothe.

Payments.

Payde by John Parker and Rychard Acton at the accounte
daye to Roger Wylls xij^d.

Item to Raffe Pryor	xij <i>d.</i>
Item to Mother Andros	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Mother Bromlay	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Wylliam Watson's wyfe	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Thomas Gryfythe's wyfe	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Symon Maltmon	j <i>d.</i>

Ye vj men.

Rychard Fysshier.

John Hastyngs.

Robert Broone.

George Walle.

Roger Follyatt.

Wylliam Grafton.

26. [1554, Nov. 1.] Thys ys the accompte of John Parker, churchwarden of Saynt Mychaell's in Bedwardyne, beyng w^t in the countye and dyoces of Worcester, made on All Sowles' day in the fyrst and seconde yeare of Phylippe and Marye by the grace of God kyng and quene of Yngland Fraunce Neapoles Jherusalem and Yrelande, defenders of the faythe, princes of Spayne and Sicily, archedukes of Austrye, dukes of Miliam Burgundye and Brabande, Countes of Hasporghe Flanders and Tyroles.

The reseates.

In primis reseaved of Mr. Bland and John Danks iiij*li.* vjs. ix*d.*

Item reseaved of Master Sai-waye for soule payment of one yere's rent liijs. iiij*d.*

Item reseaved of Roger Folyatt vjs. viij*d.*

[A line is here entirely erased.]

Item reseaved of the poremans' box xv*d.*

Reseaved of master Burre

In primis a crosse, a payre of sensors, a payre of croets, a crymatorye, a ~~trunk~~ for holy water, a pyx, and a shyppe to put frankenses in.

~~Summa~~ viij*li.* viijs. j*d.*

The payments.

In primis to George Wall for a vestment of whyte beuandee damaske xs.

Item to Raffe Pynner for mendyng the pyx viij*d*.
 Item payde for vij stryke of lyme to make the auter xvij*d*. *ob*.
 Item for thre quarters of breke to make the auter and pave the
 churche ix*d*.
 Item to the mason for fyve dayes' worke and a halfe iiij*s*. ii*d*.
 Item to Robert Kynges for serving the mason iiij dayes and
 a halfe i*s*. ii*d*.
 Item to Acton's boye for hys worke at the same tyme viij*d*.
 Item to Wyllyam Skynner for the offeryng at Wytsonyde v*d*.
 Item for a shraud for Kateryne Gryffyn xvij*d*.
 Item payde at saynt Ellyne's churche for my lorde's procurations
 at the vysytation xvij*d*.
 Item spent at Androwe Sutton's when we made our byll for
 the vysytation ij*d*.
 Item payde to Sir Wale our curate for halfe a quarter's serves
 [at] the comunyon borde v*s*.
 Item payde for a bell roppe x*d*.
 Item delyvered to my felow Acton i*s*.
 [This entry is crossed out.]
 Item lent to father Flecher x*s*.

Summa iij*li*. viij*s*. iiij*d*. *ob*.

So by this accounte John Parker owis lix*s*. iiij*d*. *ob*. the which the
 said John paid in the presence of the hole parishe.

[This sentence is crossed out.]

27*b*. At which day was chosyn chyrche wardens Richard Fyssher and
 George Wall and deliuerid vnto the said Chyrche wardens
 by John Parker and Richard Acton lix*s*. iiij*d*. *ob*. for the
 ouerplus of his account and so is clerely dyschargid.

28, 28*b*, 29, 29*b*. [The next leaf is a portion of a missal, corresponding to pages 12 and
 12*b*. A blank leaf follows this.]

30. [1553.] This is the accompte of William Blande and John Danks,
 being Churchwardens of Saint Michael's in Bedwardine,
 made the seconde day of Novembre in the firste yere of the
 Raigne of our Sovereigne Ladye Lady Marye bye the grace
 of God Quene of Englande Fraunce and Irelande, defender
 of the faithe and of the Churche of England and also of
 Irelande in Earth the supreme heade.

The Receyts of the same William Blande and John Danks.

First Receyved at the Last accompte xxj*s*.

EXPENSES,

For the site	xvs. ij <i>d</i> .
For yere's rent of the grounde which	
For the site	liijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
For yere's wife	xs.
For yere's rent of Philip Lechmor's	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Summa totalis v <i>l</i> i. xijs. x <i>d</i> .	
For William and John.	
For worke at philip Lechmores howse.	
For the site for iij quarters of tile and iij gutter	
For the site of lyme	xvij <i>d</i> .
For the site of the Rodelofte to Richarde Mitte	
For the site	xxs.
For the site and his man for iij daies worke	iiijs.
For the site for paving of the Churche iij daies worke	
For the site for hym and his man	iiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
For the site for iij daies worke	xvij <i>d</i> .
For the site for one daye	v <i>d</i> .
For the site and the clerke for makynge clene of the	
For the site	xij <i>d</i> .
For the site of Claye	iiij <i>d</i> .
For the site of sande	iiij <i>d</i> .
For the site of Lyme	xv <i>d</i> .
For the site	v <i>d</i> . ob.
For the site and mendynge the windowes	iijs. v <i>d</i> .
For the site payng of the Churche and for lyme	xvij <i>d</i> .
For the site of a keye to the doore in the nether ende of the	
For the site	iiij <i>d</i> .
For the site of the fabowrer when he was sicke	xx <i>d</i> .
For the site of Thomas Hal's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
For the site of xvj people for xvj weeks	xiijs.
For the site of the lyttell tailer at the staire when he was sicke	xij <i>d</i> .
For the site of the poore of the parishe at Christmas and at	
For the site of both by bylles appear	xxiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
For the site of a Radricke	xiiij <i>d</i> .
For the site to Mr. Fisser for charges at the going forth of	
For the site	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
For the site of the wholl yeare	xv <i>d</i> .
Summa totalis iij <i>l</i> i. xiijs. viij <i>d</i> . ob.	

31. Debtes owinge to the Churche in the tyme of William Blande
and John Danks as hereafter shall appear and their suerties.

- Rs. vjs. viij*d*. Firste to Roger Foleat xiijs. iv*d*. Thomas Golde.
Item to Richard Allen xxs. Nicolas Brooke.
- Rs. ijs. Item to John Hastyngs xs. Richard Fisher
[crossed out.]
Item to George Wall xxs. Richard Allen.
- Rs. iijs. iiij*d*. Item to Hen[ry] Flecher xs. Thomas Flecher.
- Rs. ijs. Item to John Maltyn xs. Richard Fissher.
- Rs. iijs. iiij*d*. Item to Henry Maltyn vjs. viij*d*. Thomas Golde.
Item to Thomas Hammons xs. Henry Maltyn.
- Rs. vjs. viij*d*. Item to Nicolas Brooke xvjs. viij*d*. Richard Allen.
- Rs. xxx*x**d*. Item to William Wright vjs. viij*d*. William Blande.
- Rs. vjs. viij*d*. Item to Thomas Fletcher xvjs. Richard Fissher.
Item to William Perseavall vjs. viij*d*. Thomas
Fletcher.
Item to Richard Acton xs. William Perseaval.
Item to Roberte Browne xxs. John Danks.
- Rs. xxx*x**d*. Item to Walter Heywoode vs. Humphre Finither.
Item to Robert Shawe vs. Richard Fissher.
- Rs. iijs. iiij*d*. Item to Humphre Smithe xs. Watter Heywoode.
Item to Richarde Hyndy iijs. iiij*d*. Richard Fissher.
Item to Thomas Hall vs. Thomas Fletcher.
Item to Humphre Statham vs. William Blande.
Item to Richard Parker iijs. iiij*d*. Richard Acton.
- Rs. xiijs. iiij*d*. Item to Thomas Powell xiijs. iiij*d*. John a powell.
[Thomas's name and the amount are crossed out.]
- Rs. xjs. Item to John Richards iijs. iiij*d*. William Blande.
Item to John a powel's wife xjs. William Blande.
[The debtor's name is crossed out.]
- Item to Thomas Paine vs.
- Rs. iijs. iiij*d*. John Osland xs. Summa totalis xij*li*. xv*s*. iiij*d*.
xx*d*.
[The sums in the margin are in different writing.]

31*b*. The count of William Blande and John Dancks made before the
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Richarde Acton Church wardens chosen the same daye, the

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full of ther accompt iij*li*. vs. ix*d*., and so the said William and John be discharged.

32, 32*b*, 33. [On folios 32, 32*b*, and 33 is a fair copy, with variations in spelling and better written, of John Parker's account beginning on folio 26. The chief differences are these :—

Roger Follyat paid "for mony lent hym."

Instead of "corporas" is "corpore cloth."

"Sette" instead of "fechete" the cross.

"Procurations" is omitted and a space left; the copyist was perhaps more puzzled than I am at the contraction of the word.

"the comunyon borde" is left out.]

33*b*. At which daye was chosyn Church wardens Richarde Fysssher and George Wall and delyuerid vnto the forsaide Church wardens by John Parker and Richarde Acton lixs. iiij*d*. *ob*. for the over plus of ther accompte and so they are clerely discharged before the hole parishe.

[1555.] The count of Richarde Fysssher one of the Church wardens of Saint Mighell's in Bedwarden the third daye of Nouembre in the secounde and third yere of Phillipe and Marye fyrst and secounde, &c.

His reseytes.

In primis receauid at the hands of John Parker and Richarde Acton at ther accompte xxxs. *xd*.

Item of Mr. Salowey for halfe one yere's rent xxvjs. iiij*d*.

Item receauid of Robarte Kent for one hole yere's rent xiijs. iiij*d*.

Summa iij*li*. xs. *xd*. Layd out of the same.

34. In primus to Sir John Dyckyn for his seruys that he dyd in Saynt Mighell's ijs. vj*d*.

Item to Sir Richarde Whale for one quarter's seruys xs.

Item paide for a portuas vs.

Item paid for a surples vs.

Item for wax at Ester to Thomas Barber vs.

Item gave to Dyxson when he was very syck ijs. iiij*d*.

Item to old Robart Hastings iiij*d*.

Item to Mother Hat maker viij*d*.

Item to Raffe Pryor viij*d*.

Item for the sepulcre ij*d*.

Item spent at Andrew Sutton's xij*d*.

Item to Holdens the Taborer vj*d*.

Summa xxxvs.

- 34^b. [1555.] The Accompte of George Wall one of the church wardens of Saynt Myghell's in Bedwarden the thirde daye of Nouembre in the secounde and thirde yere of Phillipe and Marye first and secounde, &c.

His receytes.

In primus receauid of John Parker and Richarde Acton at ther accompte xxxs. vjd.
 Item receauid of Mr. Salwaye for halfe yere's rent xxxvjs. viijd.
 Item Rs. of Robarte Kent for one whole yere's rente xiijs. iiijd.
 Item receauid of the church boxe at Ester viijs.
 Summa iiij*li*. xvjs. vjd.

Layd oute of the same Sum.

In primus to Syr John Birken for his seruis done in Saint Mighells ijs. vjd.
 Item to Syr Richarde Whale for one quarter's seruis xs.
 Item paid for bell ropps ijs. iiijd.
 Item paid to Nycholas for the sepulcre ijs.
 Item paid at Mr. Bland's on Ester daye xijd.
 35. Item paid to Richard Acton xx*d*.
 Item to father pryor vijd.
 Item to father Hastyngs ijd.
 Item to the Clarke ijd.
 Item to Roger Willis ijd.
 Item to the ringers at the bondfirs for the quene iiij*d*.
 Item to the good wife Clarke iiij*d*.
 Item to Watson's wiffe vjd.
 Item to Jone Jones vjd.
 Item to the Taberis wife iiij*d*.
 Item to Mason's wiffe iiij*d*.
 Item for Nayles for the sepulcre And coles on Ester even jd.
 Item for washing ijs.

Sum layd out xxvs.

The compte of Richarde Fissher and George Wall made before the hole parishe and have delyuerid to Hew Flacher and William Wright church wardens chosyn the same daye the full of ther accompte iiij*li*. xviijs. viij*d*. and so the said Richard and George be Discharged.

35*b*. Debts owing to the Church in the tyme of R. Fisser and George Wall as hereafter shall appere and ther surties.

Rs. *xxd.* In primus Roger Foleat Rec. *vjd.* *vjs.* *vijjd.* Thomas Golde.
 Item to Richarde Allen Rec. *xijd.* *xxs.* Nycholas Brocke.

Rs. *ijs.* Item to Georg Wall Rec. *xxd.* *xxs.* Richarde Allen.

Rs. *xijd.* Item to Hew Flacher *vjs.* *vijjd.* Thomas Flacher.
 Item to John Maltyn Rec. *vijjd.* *vijjs.* Richarde Fisher.

Rs. *iiijd.* Item to Henrie Maltyn Rec. *iiijd.* *ijs.* *iiijd.* Thomas Golde.
 Item to Thomas Hammons *xs.* Henri Maltyn.
 Item to Nycholas Brocke Rec. *xijd.* *xs.* Richard Allen.

Rec. by Oseland. Item to William Wright *ijs.* *iiijd.* William Blande.
 [The sum and the name of the surety are crossed out.]

Rs. *xijd.* Item to Thomas Flacher Rec. *xd.* *ixs.* *iiijd.* Richard Fysher.
 Item to William Parcivall *vjs.* *vijjd.* Thomas Flacher.
 Item to Richard Acton *xs.* William Parcivall.

Rs. *xxd.* Item to Robert Browne Rec. *xijd.* *xxs.* John Danks.

Rs. *xd.* Item to Walter Haywoode *xxd.* Humfri Smyth.
 Item to Robart Show *vs.* Richard Fisser.
 Item to Humfrie Smyth *vjs.* *vijjd.* Walter Haywood.
 Item to Richard Hyndy Rec. *iiijd.* *ijs.* *iiijd.* Richard Fyssher.
 Item to Thomas Hale Rec. *vjd.* *vs.* Thomas Flacher.

Rs. *xijd.* Item to Humfry Stathan Rec. *vjd.* *vs.* William Blande.
 Item to Richard Parker *ijs.* *iiijd.* Richard Acton.
 Item to Thomas Payne *vs.*

Rs. *xijd.* John Oslande Rec. *iiijjs.* *vs.*
 [This number is crossed out.]
 Item to Richards *ijs.* *iiijd.* W. Blande.
 Summa *vijjd.* *xvjs.* *vijjd.*

[The numbers to the left of the page and those in the centre preceded by "Rec." have been written in at different times.]

36. [1554.] Money Lend furthe of the Churche Stocke as Here aftur folowithe, apon the accompt of Richard Fisher and George Wall, whiche was as is before rebersed the third of November annis regnorum Philippi et Marie primo et *ijdo*.

In primis Lend to William Brevitar hav yng for his suertie
Hugh Flecher *iijs. iiijd. Rec. iiijd.*

Item lend to John Dixon hau yng for his suertie George
Wall *ijs. iiijd. Rec. iiijd.*

Rs. xijd. Item to William Grafton hav yng for his suertie William
Bland *xiijs. iiijd. Rec. xvjd.*

Item to Edward Elles hau yng for his suertie John
Malten *iijs. iiijd.*

[The sums to right and left have been added afterwards.]

- 36b. [1556.] The Accompte of Hugh Flecher and William Wright churche wardens of St. Mighelle's for the yere past, taken the xxiiij daye of January 1556.

Theire Receyts.

In primis receaued at the last accompte *iiijli. vs. ix d.*

John More for on yere's rent of the churche Lande *iiijli. vjs. viij d.*

Item at Easter for hoselyng money *viijs. vjd.*

Summa *vijli. xjd.*

Whereof they haue bestowed about the churche as aperithe by
there bill *vli. ix s. iiij d. ob.*

And so remaynes clere to the churche of this accompt
xxxjs. vjd. ob.

payd and discharged.

There is of newe chosen wardens for the yere to come Hughe
Flecher and John Oseland.

- Rs. ijs.** Item apon this accompte there is Lend to William Wright
hau yng his suertie John Danks *xs.* And the reste
beyng *xxjs. vjd.* is delyuered to the handes of Hugh
Flecher.

37. [1557.] The accompte of Hugh Flechar and John Oseland churche wardens for the yere passed, taken in the presence of the more parte of the parishioners upon Sondag the vijth day of Nouember 1557 and the iiijth and vth yeres of

Item for ij bell ropes	ij <i>s</i> .
Item for stowe[r]yng the candlesticks and sensar	iiij <i>℥</i>
Item for weshyng the churche gere the hole yere	ij <i>s</i> .
Summa x <i>s</i> . vij <i>℥</i>	

The seid somme of x*s*. vij*℥* allowed there remayneth the clere to the churche v*s*. vi*℥*, of the whiche there was gyven to the clark iiij*℥*, the residewe was then payd and discharged.

After whiche accompte there was chosen of newe to be guar-
dyans Rychard Lye and Henry Malten, to whom there was
dehivered of the churche money xxx*s*., videlicet x*s*. apece,
and the residewe beyng vii. xv*s*. of the churche stock is
dehivered to the custodie of Richard Fysher.

39*k*. [1559.] The accompte of Richard Lyghe and Henry Malten
churche wardens, taken the laste daye of December 1559,
and the second yere of the raigne of our soueraigne Ladie
Elizabeth.

Henry Malten's receytes.

In primis for the light at John Dank's mother's buryall	vij <i>℥</i>
Item for the light at Dixson's wiif's buryall	iiij <i>℥</i>
Item for the light at James Aspermer's wiif's buryall	ij <i>℥</i>
Item for the light at Henry Malten's wiif's buryall	vij <i>℥</i>
Item for light at mother Newalle's buryall	vij <i>℥</i>
Item for light at Pickeryng's buryall	vi <i>℥</i>
Item for Mr. Salweye's rent due at our ladie day [the three last workes comel on] due at Michellmas	xxvi <i>s</i> . viij <i>℥</i>
Item Rec. at my comyng to the office of the churche stock	x <i>s</i> .
Summa xxxix <i>s</i> . j <i>℥</i>	

Henry Malten's payments.

In primis payd for wyne at our election	xviij <i>℥</i>
Item for a pynte of lampe oyle	vij <i>℥</i>
Item gyven in almes to Dixson	iiij <i>℥</i>
Item for waxe at Cristemas	xviij <i>℥</i>
Item for waxe at candlemas	xviij <i>℥</i>
Item gyven to Pickeryng in almes at divers tymes	ij <i>s</i> . ij <i>℥</i>
Item for a baldericke to on of the belles	vi <i>℥</i>
Item for ledd and making of tokens at Easter	vij <i>℥</i>
Item for frankensense	vi <i>℥</i>

40. Item in almes to Katheryne Puche maker	vjd.
Item for hoselyng bred	iijd.
Item for a pastall taper	ijs. viijd.
Item a hynge for a seate	ijd.
Item for wyne on Easter daye	xijd.
Item for charcole in Lent	jd.
Item for waxe at Whitsonetyde	iijd.
Item in almes to Katheryne Doctor	ijd.

Summa xiijs. iiijd. ob.

Whiche some of xiijs. iijd. ob. allowed there remaynethe clere
to the churche xxvs. ix d. ob.

Which the seid Henry hathe payd and is thereof acquitted.

Richard Lye ; receytes.

In primis at Easter for hoselyng money	xiijs. iiijd.
Item for Robert Kent's house due at our ladie day	vjs. viijd.
Item Mrs. Salweye's rent due at the same tyme	xxvjs. viijd.
Item for the rent of Robert Kent's house due at Mighelmas	vjs. viijd.

Item at my entrey of the churche money xs.

Summa iij*li*. iijs. iiijd.

Richard Lye's payments.

In primis for Quene Marye's obit	ixd.
Item for mendyng the glasse wyndowes	xixd.
Item for wyne at Easter	ijs. ijd. ob.
Item spend at the tavern at Easter	xviijd.
Item for hoselyng bred	jd.
Item for oyle and creame	iiijd.
Item for stowe(r)yng the candlesticks	jd.
Item for weshyng the alter clothes	xijd.
Item for papers and ink	jd.
40 <i>b</i> . Item in almes to Katheryne Pochemaker	vjd.
Item for mendyng a bell whele	ijd.
Item payd on Trynitie sondaye	vd.
Item gyven to father Kynges at tymes in almes	ijs. vjd.
Item for tylyng the churche	xviijd.
Item for tyle	ixd.
Item for lyme and sand	viijd.
Item in almes to Pickeryng	vjs.

Item for a communion table	vjs.
Item for mendyng the bere	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for mendyng an albe	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for procurations on the Quene's visitation	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item for makyng the inventory of the church goodes	vii <i>d.</i>
Item for takyng downe the alter	vj <i>d.</i>
Item for pavyng the place and makyng cleane of it	iijs.
Item for ryddyng the rubbell	ij <i>d.</i>

Summa xxvijs. vij*d.* *ob.* whiche somme allowed there remaynethe clere to the churche xxxvs. viij*d.* *ob.*, whereoff is payd xs. viij*d.* *ob.* [This amount is interlined, and the following words erased, "and the seid Richard thereof acquitted."] and so he owithe xxvs.

Memorandum that there was showed at this accompte bie Mr. Bland xxviiij pieces of evidents and writyngs concearnyng the churche landes, whiche are delyuered to the custodie of the seid Mr. Bland to the churche vse.

Memorandum that there is chosen gardyans of newe John Parker and Humfrey Stathan, to whom there is delyuered furthe of the churche stocke xxs., videlicet xs. apece.

Memorandum that apon this accompt there is delyuered to the custodie of Mr. Fysher vj*li.* xvs., and now payd for becon money to the const[able?] xij*d.*, and gyven then to the poore viij*d.*

41. [1560.] The accompte of Humfrey Stathan and John Parker Churchwardens, yelded and gyven vp to the parishioners there the xjth daye of Nouember 1560.

The receytes of Humfrey Stathan.

In primis receaued at the entry of the seid Humfrey in to his office. xs.

Item for cheritie money at Easter xiijs.

Item of Mr. Salwey for his rent liijs. iiij*d.*

Item of Robert Kent for his rent xiijs. iiij*d.*

Summa iiij*li.* ix*s.* viij*d.*

The payments of the seid Humfrey.

In primis for wyne at Eastur iijs. iiij*d.*

Item for bred iiij*d.*

Item for a bell ropp	xvj <i>d.</i>
Item gyven in almes to Payne at dyuers tymes as apperith bie his bill	v <i>d.</i>
Item gyven in almes to Kyngs as apperith by his bill at sondry tymes	ijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item in almes to Philipp	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for a byble	xiijs.
Item for weshynge the churche gere	ijs.
Item for procurations at the bushop's visitacon	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item for makynge a bill	iiij <i>d.</i>
41 <i>b.</i> Item for wyne at dyuers tymes	vijj <i>d.</i> ob. [<i>sic</i>].
Item gyven in almes to the good wiff Heynes	vij <i>d.</i>
Item for a communion booke	iiij <i>s.</i> ij <i>d.</i>
Item for bred	ob.
Item gyven in almes at Mr. Halle's dole	xij <i>d.</i>
Item gyven to Katheryn Smithe	ijs.
Item to mother Margaret	vj <i>d.</i>
Summa xxxiijs. viij <i>d.</i> ob.	

So that these charges allowed there remaynithe over to the churche lvs. xj*d.* ob., which is payd and discharged apon this accompt. And now payd in by John Parker.

Memorandum that there is allowed and payd to Mr. Fysher at this accompt videlicet to Mr. Hymulton for seruyng the cure at christemas vs.
 In almes gyven by hym to John Malten ijs.
 For money delyuered to Wm. Wright constable at the setting furthe of a man in the warres to Berwick iijs. ij*d.*
 And in almes gyven to Kyngs xij*d.*

Summa xjs. ij*d.*

Item payd to the seid Wm. Wright more apon his rekenyng ijs. ij*d.*
 And so all thyngs allowed and discharged there is delyuered to the custodie of Mr. Richard Fysher at this accompt the some of viij*li.* iijs. xd.
 And there is chosen of newe to be churche wardens Roger Follyot and Nicolas Broke, to whom there is delyuered xxx*s.*, videlicet to euery of them xx*s.*

xxi Reparations made by Nicolas Jorde

In pence for lyne whelket iii busse and half	xviii s.
Item for i and half of dye	ix s.
Item for carriage of dye	xviii s.
Item i bushel of sand	ix s.
Item for wor & meat shing	xix s.
Item for sand	ix s.
Item for a lile hole brought in John Gough	xv s.
Item for mending surprises	v s.
Item given to the poor	xix s.
Item for mending the church windows	vi s.
Item for wyne at dyvers tymes as apertine be his bill	v s.
Item for commoner beef	xv s.
Item for a table of the commandments	xv s.
Item for paper	ix s.
Item for procurations at my Lord of Cantuarbie's visitation, xiiij Lxxiiis	xviii s.
Item for mending a bill for the visitation	v s.
Item for expenses in giving to Cythra to survey the church land	xix s.
Item to John Wall for carrying vs downe by water	xv s.
Item for gonnals for seats in the church	xv s.
Item for sawes	ix s.
Item for mending benches in the quere	ix s.

Item

Item given to mother Margaret	xv s.
Item to Robert Jorde	xv s.
Item for vesting the church lyner	ix s.
Item given to John Martin	xv s.
Item given to weishe Kachery at iii sondry tymes	ix s.
Item to John Martin & another tyne	xv s.
Item to Bayne's wife at i tymes	ix s.
Item to mother Margaret	ix s.
Item for candles against Christmas	ix s.

Summa iij s. vi s.

And at the said Nicolas remembrance it belongeth to the church this
expenses required and allowed xij s. vi s. of the whiche
summe he hath payed at this present in redde money

Receipts.

First receaved bie hym at his first admittance	xs.
Item receaved for cheretie money at Easter 1563 and the wyne payd for	vs. jd.
Item of Hamons for his seate	iiijd.
Summa xvs. vd.	

Payd bie hym

Item for bred and wyne at sondry tymes for the communion as aperithe bie his bill	iijs. viijd. ob.
Item for a common prayer	

[“boke” crossed out before “prayer.”]

Item for mendynge a bell whele	ijd.
Item for weshynge	ijs.
Summa vjs. iiijd. ob.	

And so the seid Thomas Nayler remaynes in dett to the churche	ixs. jd. ob.
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49. [1566.] The Accompte of Roger Folliot on of the churche wardens, made and yelded vp in the presens of the parishenors of this parishe of St. Mighell the xvj daye of Februarie, 1566.

Receyts.

In primis at his entryng to the office	xs.
Item of the rent of the land at Clifton for on yere endyng at Mighelmas 1563	liijs. iiijd.
Item of Robert Kent for parte of his rent	vjs. viijd.
Item of the cheretie money at Eastur 1562	xijs.
Item for on yere's rent of the land at Clifton endyng at Mighelmas 1564	liijs. iiijd.
Item in more parte of Robert Kent's rent	xiijs. iiijd.
Item of the cheretie money at Eastur 1565	xiijs. ijd.
Item for on yere's rent of the lande at Clifton endyng at Mighelmas 1565	liijs. iiijd.
Item of the cheretie money at Eastur 1566	xiijs.
Item in more parte of Robert Kent's rent	xvjs.
Item for on yere's rent of the lande at Clifton due at Mighel- mas 1566	liijs. iiijd.

Item in more parte of Kent's rent	iiijs.
Item for vj <i>li.</i> of old waxe	ijs.
Item for the holie water pott of ledd weying xv <i>li.</i>	xvj <i>d.</i>
Summa totalis xv <i>li.</i> vs. x <i>d.</i>	

49*b.* Payments.

In primis gyven in almes in the parishe the Fryday next before Whitesonday 1563	xijs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item for mendyng the baldericke of a bell	ij <i>d.</i>
Item to Mr. Hymulton for his wage at Mighelmas 1563	xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item gyven to Katheryn Doctor at tymes in her sickenes	xiiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Henry Bratt's wiffe	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item gyven in almes in the parishe the Thursday before Christmas then next folowyng	xijs. x <i>d.</i>
Item payd at Mr. Dighton's when the inhabitants of St. John's and Whitynton and this parishe dyd mete there for haruestyng of men the iiijth of July	vij <i>d.</i>
Item for sawyng of tymber to make seats	xiiij <i>d.</i>
Item to Share the carpentur and his man for ij dayes' work makyng and mendyng seats	iijs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item for nayles	vj <i>d.</i>
Item for ij peare of hyngs	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for rent bord	xij <i>d.</i>
Item for vij elles and half of dowles for a surples of xv <i>d.</i> ob. the elle	ixs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item for makyng of the same	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to John Wevar the tyler mendyng the churche	xij <i>d.</i>
Item for lyme	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for ij crests	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for expenses Rydyng to Vpton apon Severne about the certificate of the pore	x <i>d.</i>
Item gyven to a naked man in the churche	iiij <i>d.</i>
50. Item for bell ropes	
Item spent upon the parishe at Kydson's the xth of Aprill	xvj <i>d.</i>
Item for Mr. Hymulton's wage for Christemas and our Ladie's daye 1563	xxvjs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item for viij elles of lymen clothe to make a surples for the priste at xix <i>d.</i> the elle	xijs. viij <i>d.</i>

Item for makyng the same to Ric[hard] Alen's wiffe	viijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for Mr. Hymulton's wages for Mydsommer and Mighelmas next after	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for glasyng the churche at Christemas next after	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item gyven in almes apon good fryday 1564, besides the money that the colledge gave	vijs. xj <i>d</i> .
Item payd to Mr. Hymilton of the cheretie money at Easter 1564	vs.
Item for bred and wyne then	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item payd to Mr. Lynsey for a generall acquitance to be gott furthe for the parties	xij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven in almes at Christmas besides xiijs. that the colledge gave	iiijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Item for Mr. Hymulton's wages due then	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for casting the little bell and more weight put to hym	xvijs.
Item to a carpentar for hangyng and stockyng the same bell	x <i>d</i> .
Item for Iron worke to the same	x <i>d</i> .
Item to Mr. Carter for glasyng the church	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to mother Margaret in her sickenes, with xij <i>d</i> . that Mr. Bland geve in my absence, which I repayd	xviij <i>d</i> .
50 <i>b</i> . Item gyven in almes at Eastur besides xijs. that the Colledge gave 1565	vijs.
Item to William the Tyler for ij dayes' worke, stoppyng between the raughters of the churche to kepe furthe pygeons and mendynge the walles of the litle house	xij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Mr. Hymulton of the cheretie money at Eastur 1565	vs.
Item for bred and wyne then	ijs. vij <i>d</i> .
Item for ij lode of cleye	xij <i>d</i> .
Item for a sawter for the churche to Kydson	xiiij <i>d</i> .
Item for procurations in my L[ord] Bushop's visitacion	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item for makyng the bill of presentement and spent apon the sixe men	ijs.
Item gyven to Mr. Hymulton of the cheretie money at Eastur 1566	vs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for bred and wyne then	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Katheryne Acton at Whitsontyde	vj <i>d</i> .
Item to old Margett	iiij <i>d</i> .

Item for wyne when we went to survey our church land at Clifton vij*d*.

Item to Mr. Hymulton for his wages at Mighelmas 1566 xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item spent apon Mr. Harford, Mr. Wesheborne, and other when we obteyned our Evidences furthe of theyre handes after the deathe of Mr. Bland xvij*d*.

Item gyven in almes at Christemas more then the colledge gave iijs. v*d*.

51. Item gyven to Mother Acton in her sicknes v*d*.

Item for a cupp and a pott for the communion Bord iijs.

Item for the caryage of them from London v*d*.

Item to Roger Bushell for tylynge ij dayes apon the church and to his man iijs.

Item for iij bushell of lyme v*d*.

Item for sande j*d*.

Item for wyne at tymes for the communion as aperithe by a bill for the space of iiij yeres vs. x*d*.

Item for weshyng duryng the seyd tyme vjs.

Summa totalis xiiij*li*. ijs. viij*d*.

And so remayneth to the church the premisses allowed xliijs. ij*d*, whiche some is payd in the presense of the parishe and this accompt discharged.

51*b*. [This page is blank.]

52. The Accompte of Richard Fisher, Keper of the church stock.

In primis it dothe apere at the last accompt taken, videlicet the xvij of Januarie 1562, that there was delyuered in to the custodie of the seid Richard Fysher the some of ix*li*. whereof he askethe allowance, videlicet,

In primis gyven to John Malten ijs.

Item lent by hym to Hamons iijs. iiij*d*.

Item gyven to Katheryn Doctor xij*d*.

Summa vjs. viij*d*.

So remaynes viij*li*. xiijs. viij*d*.

Memorandum that there is at this presente tyme delyuered to the custodie of the seid Mr. Fysher the some of ix*li*. x*s*.; and the residue of the money ryng of the last

accmpt made by Roger Folliott is gyven in almes as folowith, and delyuered before hand to the newe church wardens as hereafter maye apere

Item in almes to Elkyns for his boye	ijs.
Item to Katheryn Acton	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Katheryne Doctor	vj <i>℥</i> .
Item to Katheryne Smithe	vj <i>℥</i> .
Item to Philip Jeffereyes	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item to John Malten	xx <i>℥</i> .
Item to the Clark	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to mother Margett	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Dixson	iiij <i>℥</i> .

52*b*. Memorandum that there is of newe chosen to be Guardyanes of the seid church John Oseland and John Birde. And also there is chosen to be sixe men of the seid parishe, to be joyned with the seid wardens for placyng of seats, and other thyngs to be done about the church landes, and necessarie afayres about the said church, videlicet, Richard Fysher, Roger Folliott, John Danks, George Wall, Nicolas Broke, and Richard Alen.

Item there is delyuered to the handes of the foresaid wardens furthe of the former accmpt of Roger Folliott *xxs.*, videlicet *xs.* apece.

Item there remaynes in a chest in the custodie of Mr. Doctor Hare *xix* peces of Evidences for our church lande, vnder a locke with thre Keyes, whereof on remaynithe in the custodie of Roger Folliott, a nother with George Wall, and the third with Nicolas Broke.

53. [1562.] A Terrar of all soche Landes medowes Lesowes and pastures as belong to the church of St. Mighell within the citie of Worcester, Lyng and Beyng at Clifton within the parishe of Severnestoke in the countie of Worcester, taken and acknowledged bie men of good age and longe abydyng within the seid parishe, the *xxv* daye of September 1562.

In primis one meste close lying betweene the ground of Nicolas Clifton gentleman on the northe side and the land of

William Somer on the southe side, shotyng into the strete of Clifton estward, and hath the land of John Folliott esq. on the west part.

Item one litle close betwene the tenement of the seid Nicolas Clifton and a close of the same Nicolas on the southe syde, shotyng into the strete at Clifton.

Item one leasowe or pasture called Barne's home lying betwene Clifton home and Severne, and shotithe southeward apou the lesowe of Nicolas Clifton and Clifton home on the northe parte.

Item one other leasowe or pasture called Ricarde's Lesowe apou Severne banke on the one parte and a pasture of Nicolas Clifton called Lowefyld on the other parte.

Item one medowe pleck at Mitt hurste, betwene the medowe ground of Mr. Clifton and William Somer.

53b. Item a medowe pleck at Barne's home shotyng at bothe endes apou the Lord of Seuernestoke[']s] medow.

Item a other medowe plecke beyng Cott medowe in Clifton home

Item one other parcell of Cott medowe called the Harpe.

Item one other parcell of medowe at Cadnall betwene Rough more and the land of Richard Wade, and shotithe on bothe thendes apou the land of Nicolas Clifton.

Item one other litle medowe plecke lying bie Quadmore.

Item one farmedell of land in Suffyld, betwene the land of Nicolas Clifton on the southe syde and William Somer on the northe syde, shotyng on Westemore.

Item one other farmedell in the same fyld, betwene the land of Stoke on the southe parte and Nicolas Clifton on the northe part, and shotithe apou the seid more.

Item one other farmedell in the same fyld betweene the land of Stoke on the southe syde and Mr. Clifton on the northe syde, and shotithe apou the seid more.

Item one other farmedell in the same fyld between the lord on the west parte and Mr. Clifton on the est parte, and shotithe to Wofyld.

54. Item one farmedell in the same fyld betwene the land of Nicolas Clifton on the southe syde, And the land of Kenelme Wynselowe on the northe syde, shotyng to Arle.

- Item one other farmedell in the same fyld betwene the land of the seid Wynselowe on the southe syde and the lord of Stoke on the northe syde, and shotithe to Arle aforeseid.
- Item one farmedell in Woefyld betwene the land of John Folliott esquier on the southe parte and the land of the Lord of Stoke on the northe syde, shotynd to Arle on the west And on the este to Westemoreland.
- Item one butt of land in the same fyld, shotyng to Arle betwene the land of Nicolas Clifton on the este syde and the land of John Berewick on the weste parte.
- Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld between the land of Mr. Clifton on the este syde and the land of the lord of Stoke on the west syde, and shotithe on the land of William Coks southeward, and the land of the lord northeward.
- Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld betweene the land of Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes, and shotithe to Arle at the northe end, and the weye to Sanford at the southe end.
- Item one other halfe Acre in the same fyld betwene the land of the lord of Stoke on the northe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the southe syde, And shotithe on Quadmore and the weye to Sanford.
- 54b. Item on other halfe Acre in the same fyld betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde, and shotithe between Quadmore and Arle.
- Item one farmedell in Huffyld betwene the land of John Folliott esquier on the northe syde and the land of John Berewick on the southe syde, shotyng in leynthe betwene Astemore and the high weye betwene Clyfton and Severnestoke.
- Item one other land in the same fyld betweene the lorde's land on bothe sydes, shotyng betwene Astemore and the weye aforeseid.
- Item one butt betweene the land of the lord on the northe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the southe syde, shotyng betwene Arle and the land aforeseid.
- Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld betwene the land of Nicolas Clifton and the land of John Somer, shotyng to the high weye aforesaid.
- Item one half Acre in the same fyld betwene the land of

Mr. Clifton on the northe syde and the land of William Somer on the southe syde, shotyng on Astemore at the este end and the highway aforeseid at the weste end.

Item one halfe acre in the same fyld betwene the land of the lord of [*sic*] the southe syde and the land of Mr. Folliott on the northe syde, shotyng betwene the high weye and Arle aforeseid.

Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld betweene the land of Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes, shotyng betwene Astemore and the wey aforesaid.

55. Item one farmdell shotyng to the high weye aforeseid and cutithe of at the butts, shotyng to Astemore betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes.

Item one halfe acre shotyng betwene Arle and the seid highwaye the land of the lord on the northe parte and the land of William Somer on the southe parte.

Item one farmedell shotyng the same weye betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on the southe syde and Mr. Folliott on the northe syde.

Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld shotyng on Astemore betwene the land of Mr. Folliott on the southe syde and William Somer on the northe syde.

Item one halfe Acre shotyng on the weye to Worcester bie the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe parte.

Item one halfe Acre in the nether forlong of the same fyld shotyng on Astemore betweene the land of Kenelme Wynslowe on the northe syde and William Somer on the southe parte.

Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld shotyng on the weye to Worcester betwene the land of the lord on the southe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde.

Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld in the mydle forlong betwene the land of the lord on the southe parte and the land of Mr. Folliott on the northe syde.

Item one farmedell in the northe fyld shotyng on the marle pytt between the land of the lord on the northe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the southe syde.

- 55b. Item one halfe Acre in the same fyld shotyng on the weye betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes.

- Item one farmedell shotyng apon Astemore betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde and William Coks and Mr. Clifton bothe on the southe syde.
- Item one farmedell shotyng on Astemore betwene the land of the lord on bothe sydes.
- Item one butt in the mydle forlong shotyng on the hed land of Nicolas Clifton at the southe end.
- Item two butts shotyng on Astemore, the one betweene the land of the lord on the este syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the weste syde shotyng on the hed land of the lord, the other by the land of John Berwick on the Este syde and the land of Nicolas Clifton on the west syde.
- Item one halfe Acre at Ryple gate shotyng on Astemore on the weye betwene the land of the lord on the southe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde.
- Item one halfe Acre in the same furlong betwene the land of John Folliott on the southe syde and the land of Nicolas Clifton on the northe syde.
- Item one farmedell shotyng on Istemore betwene the land of the lord on the northe syde and the land of William Somer on the southe syde.
- Item one halfe Acre in the same forlong shotyng from Astemore to Istemore, the lord on the northe syde and William Somer on the southe syde.
56. Item one butt from Wythie mere to the ende of Istemere betwene the land of the lord on bothe sydes.
- Item one land, beyng thre farmedells, shotyng from Wethiemere to one hedland of the lord and Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes.
- Item one butt shotyng fromward Worcester to the land of Mr. Clifton, betwene the land of the lord of Stoke on the weste syde and the land of William Coks on the este syde.
- Item one halfe Acre in the mydle forlong called Lewes hill betwene the land of the lord on the northe syde and the land of William Somer on the southe syde, shotyng at bothe endes apon the land of Mr. Clifton.
- Item one farmedell shotyng into Carr's hill betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes.

- Item one halfe Acre in the mydle furlong betwene the land of the lord of Stoke on the southe syde And of William Somer on the northe syde shotyng betwene ij wirpes.
- Item one other halfe Acre in the same furlong betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde.
- Item one butt and one farmedell next the same halfe Acre, shotyng apon the strete at Clifton and the land of William Coks on the southe syde.
- 566. Item one butt in the same furlong shotyng apon the close of Mr. Clifton.
- Item one butt in Hempstede shotyng from Wethye mere to one land of John Berwick betwene the land of the lord on the southe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde.
- Item one farmedell in the mydle furlong in the same fyld shotyng in leynth from the hed land of one Turlyans to the wayneweye betwene the land of the lord on the southe syde and the land of Mr. Clifton on the northe syde.
- Item ij butts in Catt's hill furlong, Mr. Clifton on bothe sydes.
- Item one butt in Hempstede shotyng apon the black greve, the land of Mr. Folliott on the weste syde and the land of the lord on the este syde.
- Item one other butt in the mydle furlong of the same fyld betwene the land of Mr. Clifton on the este syde and William Coks on the weste syde.

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576. [1567.] The Accompte of John Oseland, churche guardiane of the parishe of St. Mighell, made the vijth daye of Marche 1567, Anno x^o regniæ Elizabeth.

Receytes.

In primis receaued for one halfe yere's rent of the land at Clifton due at thannunciation of our Ladie last

xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item for parte of Robert Kent's rent for his house dependyng apon the last accompte and due at the feaste of St. Mighell

1566

xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item of Thomas Nayler for seate money

iiij*d*.

Item of Humfrey Peryn for seate money	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for John of Arowe and his wiff	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item of the parishe stocke at his entrey	xs.

Payments.

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| In primis item for the parishe drynkynge after the last accompt before this | iiij <i>s</i> . |
| Item a ropp for the little bell | iiij <i>d</i> . |
| Item gyven in almes to litle John Taylor when he was sicke at tymes | xiiij <i>d</i> . |
| Item for communion bred for this yere | v <i>d</i> . |
| Item communion wyne from Passion Sonday untill Lowsondaye | ii <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> . |
58. Item for the parishe drynkynge upon Easter daye in the after-noone ii*s*. viij*d*.
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| Item in Almes to Katheryn Acton at thre tymes when she was sicke | ii <i>s</i> . |
| Item for communion wyne from Low Sondaye tyll Mighelmas | |
| Item for communion wyne from Mighelmas tyll this accompte | ii <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> . |
| Item for ij bell ropes | i <i>s</i> . |
| Item for a ladder for the steple and mendyng the belles | i <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> . |
| Item for bordes and mendyng the steysars in the steple | viiij <i>d</i> . |
| Item for nayles | iiij <i>d</i> . |
| Item for a newe keye and mendyng the lock apone the steple dore | |
| Item for makyng an Indictement ageynst John Symons for fightyng in the churche apone Eastur Daye | i <i>s</i> . |
| Item for weshyng | xij <i>d</i> . |
| Item gyven in almes to Katheryn Doctor, Katheryn Smithe, Hamon's wiffe, mother Wright, John Dixson, old Margett, mother Flecher, and to Payne's wiff, after viij <i>d</i> . a pece | vs. viij <i>d</i> . |
| Item for hyngs for a seate for Mr. Hare | iiij <i>d</i> . |
| Summa xxxvi <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> ., whiche some discharged and allowed there remaynes clere to the churche the some of xii <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> . beyng payd apone this accompt in the presence of the parishioners. | |
- 58*b*. The accompte of John Byrd one other of the seid churche guardianes made the same daye.

Receytes.

In primis for one halfe yere's rent of the land at Clifton due at
Mighelmas last xxvs. viij*d*.
Item for cheritie money at Eastur xvjs. viij*d*.
Item the seate money of Mr. Doctor Hare for a seate new made
whiche the parishioners have promised at this accompt
shall remayne to his house for euer vs.
Item of Mistress Bland for the seate that her husband had for
her frendes to knele in xij*d*.
Item receaued at his entrey xs.

Payments.

In primis payd to Clent for Whitson farthyngs for ij yerres x*d*.
Item for ij bawdericks for the belles ijs. vj*d*.
Item to Mr. Hymulton of the cheritie money at Eastur viijs.
Item in almes to the parishe besides the college gifte ijs. x*d*.
Item more to mother Margett viij*d*.
For a peare of shoes for her xiiij*d*.
Item to Katheryn Doctor vj*d*.
Item for Mr. Hymulton's wages xiijs. iiij*d*.
59. Item for weshyng xij*d*.
Item to Nicolas Broke for makyng Mr. Hare's seate vjs. viij*d*.
Item for mendyng the quyer and other seates, to hym ijs. iiij*d*.
Item to Roger Folyott for wrytyng and kepyng our accompts
dyuers tymes before this accompt vjs. viij*d*.
Item gyven to discharge a certeyne debt that Raphe Symons
dothe owe to Humfrey Peryn vs.
Summa lijs. vj*d*., whiche some allowed and discharged there
remaynes to the churche vjs. x*d*. beyng payd apon this
accompt in the presens of the parishioners.
And the foreseid some of ix*li*. xs. delyuered to the custodie of
Richard Fisher in the last accompt is so remayning in his
custodie.
And there is of newe chosen guardyanes of the seid churche
John Byrd and Humfrey Peryn. And the sixe men to con-
tinewe as they are. And there is gyven in almes by the
seid guardyanes of the money nowe delyuered vnto them apon
this accompte, videlicet xs. apece, as folowithe vs. and the
residewe dyd remayne in overplus of this accompt.

Margett *vjd.*; Dixson *vjd.*; Philipp *vjd.*; the Clarke *vjd.*;
 Katheryn Doctor *viijd.*; Katheryn Smithe *iiijd.*; Hamon's
 wiff *iiijd.*; Mother Wright *iiijd.*; George Coke *iiijd.*;
 Woodfall *iiijd.*; Bridge *ijd.*; Howell *ijd.*; Lee *iiijd.*; David
 Gough *ijd.*; Posterne *ijd.*

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60. [1568.] The accompt of John Byrd, one of the church-
 wardens of St. Mighelle's in Bedwardyne, made the *xij* daye
 of Marche 1568, et anno regni Elizabethæ vndecimo.

His receytes.

In primis receaued in money at the last accompt	<i>xs.</i>
Item Rec. of Thomas Salwey for rent due at thannunciation of our Ladie last	<i>xxvjs. viijd.</i>
Item Rec. of Robert Kent for his rent the 27 of Auguste last	<i>xs.</i>
Item Rec. of Thomas Salwey for his rent due at Mighelmas laste	<i>xxvjs. viijd.</i>

Seate money.

Item Rec. of John Oseland for his seate	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Rafe Symons for his seate	<i>iiijd.</i>
Of John Dixson for his seate	<i>iiijd.</i>
Of William Bristowe for hym and his wiff	<i>xd.</i>
Of William Ford	<i>vjd.</i>
Of John Dyar	<i>vjd.</i>
Of John Byrd	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Richard Woodfall	<i>iiijd.</i>

Churche dett.

Receaued of Roger Folliott of the churche dett	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Thomas Flecher	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Thomas Hall	<i>iiijd.</i>
Of Nicolas Broke	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Roger Wall	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Richard Alen	<i>vjd.</i>
Of Thomas Naylor	<i>vjd.</i>

Summa totalis *iiijl. vjd.*

- 60b. John Byrde's allowances.

First gyven in almes at the last accompt in the presence of the parishe	<i>ijs. vjd.</i>
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Item for the parishioners drynkynge at Oselande's the same tyme

Item for a pynne to the saunce bell *j^d.*

Item gyven to the poore at Easter as aperithe bie a bill

xiijs. viij^d.

Item for two bell Ropes

ijs. vj^d.

Item for a pynne to the second bell

j^d.

Item for Whitson farthyngs

vd.

Item for a Rope to the greate bell

xiiij^d.

Item in almes a[t] Christemas besides colledge gifte

vs.

Item to Mr. Cirell and Roger Wheler for a proces to areste

Mr. Fyssher's goodes at his deathe for the churche money

iijs. viij^d.

Item for Mr. Hymulton's wages due at Mighelmas last

xiijs. iiij^d.

Item gyven to the pore at sondry tymes as aperithe by his bill

iijs. iiij^d.

Item for weshyng the churche stuff

ijs.

Summa *ljs. ix^d.* And so there remaynes to the churche all thynges allowed *xxvijs. ix^d.* whiche is payd apon this accompt and the seid Byrd discharged.

61. The accompt of Humfrey Peryn one other of the churche wardens made the daye and yere above seid.

His Receits.

In primis Rec. at the last accompt

xs.

Item Rec. of Robert Kent of his rent the 17 of August last

xs.

Item for cheritie money at Easter

xvjs.

Summa *xxxvj^s.*

His allowances or payments.

Firste gyven in almes at the last accompt

ijs. vj^d.

For the parishe drynkyng at Oselandes

ijs.

Item payd to Mr. Hymulton of the cheritie money

viijs.

Item for mendyng the clark's surples

ij^d.

Item in wyne to the churche at dyuers tymes

vijs. vij^d.

Item for bred

iiij^d. ob.

Summa *xxs. vj^d. ob.* And so his allowances deducted of the former some there remaynes to the church clere the some of *xvs. vd. ob.*

Memorandum there is clere to the churche of bothe these accompts xliiij*s.* ij*d.* ob., where of there is gyven to the pore of the parishe at this accompt iii*s.* ij*d.* ob., and the residewe xls. is delyuered to Humfrey Peryn and William Ford who ar chosen guardyanes for this yere to come, videlicet xxs. apece. And there is also chosen one of the sixe men Thomas Flecher in the place of Mr. Fisher.

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62. [1569.] The Accompt of Humfrey Peryn, one of the churche guardyanes of St. Mighell, made the vth day of Marche 1569 et regni Elizabeth, etc.

His receipts.

In primis receaued at the last accompte	xx <i>s.</i>
Item for the rent of the land at Clifton	xxv <i>s.</i> vii <i>d.</i>
Item of Robert Kent of his rent	v <i>s.</i> vii <i>d.</i>
Item for cheritie money at Eastur	xiii <i>s.</i>
Item of Roger Folliot for his wiff's seate	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of the Keper of the Castell for his seate and his wiffe's	xij <i>d.</i>
Item of Georg Wall for parte of his dett	v <i>d.</i>
Item of Richard Alen for parte of his dett	v <i>d.</i>
Item of Nicolas Broke for parte of his dett	v <i>d.</i>

Summa iij*li.* xs. xd.

His Payments.

First at Oselande's at the last accompt	ii <i>d.</i>
Item the same tyme at the seid Humfrey's	ii <i>d.</i>
Item spent apon the parishenors apon Eastur daye at Oselande's	ii <i>s.</i>
Item the same daye at George Cardmaker's	vii <i>d.</i>
Item gyven in almes at tymes to mother Margett	ii <i>s.</i>
62 <i>b.</i> Item gyven to Thomas Lee in his sicknes at tymes	ij <i>s.</i> v <i>d.</i>
Item to David Gough	iii <i>d.</i>
Item to Katheryn Smithe	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for halfe the charge of the presentment in the Bushop's visitation	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for drynkyng the same daye	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for procurations at the same visitation	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item gyven to mother Walker in her sicknes	ij <i>s.</i>
Item payd to the masons for makyng the stone walles aboute the litle house in the churche end	xx <i>d.</i>

Item for lyme and sand	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for a boxe to put our evidence in	v <i>d</i> .
Item for our drynkyng before our goyng to Clifton	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for a sheffe of Arowes	xviiij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to John Dixson in his sicknes	v <i>d</i> .
Item payde for a baldericke	ij <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
Item for the amerciament at Stoke Courte and for my charges	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for ryngyng at the daye of the Quene's entrey	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for weshyng the churche stuffe	xij <i>d</i> .
Item payde for parte of the charges in setting furthe of ij men into the north	xs.
Item to Hymulton for the halfe of the cheritie money	viijs.
Item for wyne to the communion at dyuers tymes as aperithe bie a bill	v <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .
63. Item for communion bred	v <i>d</i> .
Item for a boke of homelies	xij <i>d</i> .
Item for the charges aboute our churche landes betweene Mr. Clifton and vs, and the expenses of Roger Follyot at the counsaile at Bridgenorthe aboute the same as aperithe bie his bill	xviijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Summa iiij <i>l</i> . ix <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .	
And so remaynithe of this accompt clere to the churche x <i>v</i> <i>d</i> ., and the same is payd and discharged.	
The accompt of William Ford, one other of the church-guardyanes, made the same daye.	
William Forde's receipts.	
First receaued at the Last accompt	xx <i>s</i> .
Item receaued of Thomas Salweye for his halfe yere's rent	xxv <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Item of Robert Kent for parte of his rent	v <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Summa liij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .	
63 <i>b</i> . William Forde's payments.	
Firste in expenses at Oselande's after the last accompte	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for scowryng of harmes	v <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to mother Margett at tymes	iijs. v <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Katheryn Smithe	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Katheryn Doctor	xviiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Sybell Clark	viiij <i>d</i> .

Item for parte of makyng of a bill at the visitation	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item in expenses the same daye	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Dixson	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to mother Sergeant	ij <i>d</i> .
Item expenses at Clifton when we dyd goe to surveye our ground	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item for my charges Rydyng to the counsaile at Bridgenorth about our Landes	vijs. vj <i>d</i> .

Summa xxvjs. xj*d*.

And so remaynithe clere to the churche apon this accompt

xxvjs. vd.

Which is payd and discharged.

64. There is of newe chosen churche Guardyanes for the yere to come William Ford and Roger Folliott, to whom there is delyuered xxvjs. viij*d*., videlicet xiijs. iiij*d*. apeece. And the reste of the money that remaynithe was gyven to the pore apon this accompte.

Memorandum that John Danks owithe to the churche of the money that Mr. Fisher had iiij*l*.; and he and Robert Coffyn as suerties for iij*l*. more of the same money.

Item that Georg Wall owithe of the same money xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item William Grafton of the same money apon his bill xs.

Payments made bie John Danks of the seid iiij*l*.

Item payd bie hym for setting furthe of our soldyers into the
northe xiijs. iiij*d*.

Videlicet to George Wall for John Blande's harmes vjs. viij*d*.
and to the constable Henry Symons vjs. viij*d*.

Item to Mr. Hymulton for his wages due at Mighelmas last
xiijs. iiij*d*.

- 64*b*. [1570.] The accompt of William Ford one of the churchwardens of St. Mighell's made the xj of March, 1570.

Receytes.

Rs. at the end of the last accompt xiijs. iiij*d*.

Rs. for one halfe yere's rent of the ground at Clifton xxvjs. viij*d*.

Rs. of the cheritie money at Eastur vs. vij*d*.

Summa xlvs. vij*d*.

Payments.

Item gyven to Katheryn Doctor in almes at dyuers tymes as aperithe bie a bill	iijs. vjd.
Item to David Gough	vjd.
Item to John Dixson	iiijd.
Item to Katheryn Smithe	viijd.
Item to Hamon's wiffe	vjd.
Item to bye her a Shrowde	ijs. iiijd.
Item for wyne at Eastur	ijs. ijd.
Item for wyne at tymes for the communion sythens Eastur	vs. iijd.
Item for Ryngyng the daye of the quene's entryng	xvjd.
Item for parte of our charges at Ludlowe in the sute that Mr. Clifton had ageynste vs for our lands	xijs. iiijd.
Item for charges of a commission for the same at Malverne	iijs. iiijd.
Item for Whitson farthyngs	vd.
Item for bell ropes	xviijd.
Item for weshyng the churche lynen	xijd.

Summa xxxiijs. jd.

65. And so there remaynithe clere to the churche of this accompt
xjs. vjd. And the same payd and discharged.
The accompte of Roger Folliott, the other Churche Warden,
the same daye and yere.

Receipts.

Firste receaued apou the last accompte	xiijs. iiijd.
Item for the halfe yere's rent of the land at Clifton	xxvjs. iiijd.
Item of John Danks for charges in law of Mr. Fisher's debt	xiijs. iiijd.
Item of the cheritie money at Eastur	xs. vjd.
Item of Robert Kent for rent and arrerages	xxs.
Item of William Bristowe for ij yeres' rent of John Goughe's gardun, towards the payment of his debt	iijs. iiijd.
Item of [<i>sic</i>] Cowper for ij yeres' rent of a nother garden	iijs.

Summa iiij*li*. xjs. ijd.65*b*. Payments.

Item spent at Richard Alen's after the churche accompt	xviijd.
Item for wyne at Eastur	ijs.
Item for glasyng the churche wyndowes	vs. ijd.

Item payd to Mr. Hymulton of the cheritie money at Eastur	viijs.
Item charges at Shrewesburie betwene Mr. Clifton and vs as	
aperithe bie a bill	xs. vjd.
Item gyven in almes to David Gough	iijs.
Item to Katheryn Doctor at tymes	xixd.
Item to Dixson at tymes	viijs.
Item to Hamon's wiffe	xijd.
Item to Richard Alen's charges to Ryde to Ludlowe aboute our	
matter in lawe	iijs.
Item parte of our charges at Ludlowe, Beryn and Ford, at the	
order yng and dismission thereof	xijs.
Item at Ludlowe for myself Crastino Andree	xixd.
Item for weshyng the churche lynen	xijd.
Summa xlvijs. iijs.	

And so remaynithe clere to the churche xlijs. xjd., which is
payd and discharged apon this accompt whereof there
was allowed to William Ford for his parte of weshyng the
church lynen the yere that Peryn and he were wardens
because he dyd aske no allowance for the same xijd.

So that there remaynithe clere of bothe these accompts liijs. vd.

66. Memorandum at the same accompt John Danks payd of Mr.
Fisher's dett xls.

And askithe allowance of xxd. gyven bie hym to David
Gough in his sicknes; and so remaynithe clere xxxvijs. vjd.
Also George Wall payd of the seid dett xiijs., whereof he had
allowance of vjd. gyven by hym to Katheryn Doctor; and
so remaynes clere xijs. vjd.

Summa ls. xd.

Whereof payd to Mr. Hymulton for his wages	xiijs. iiijd.
to Katheryn Doctor	vjd.
to Dixson	xijd.
to John Gough	xxd.
to Richard Woodfall	iiijd.
to litle Philipp	vjd.
to Katheryn Smithe	iijs.

Summa xvijs. vijd.

So that the totall some of this accompt is clere to the churche all thyngs allowed as is before declared *iiij*l*. vjs. viij*d*.*, whereof there is layd in the communion chest *iiij*l*. vjs. viij*d*.*, and more delyuered to Roger Follyott and Thomas Muckelowe, guardyanes of newe chosen, *xxs.*, videlicet *xs.* a pece.

66*b*. [1571.] The accompt of Roger Follyott one of the churche wardens, made the xvjth daye of Marche, 1571.

Receipts.

In primis at the last acompt	<i>xs.</i>
Item of Thomas Salwey for ij elme butts	<i>ijs.</i>
Item of Mistres Fisser for parte of her dett	<i>xxvjs.</i>
Item for a Chalis of ix ounces and half at <i>vs.</i> <i>iiij<i>d</i>.</i> the ounce	<i>xlixs. vd.</i>
Item of Thomas Salwey for our Ladie daye rent	<i>xiijs. iiij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item of the cheritie money at Easter	<i>vd.</i>
Item of Roger Lode in erneste of his trees	<i>xij<i>d</i>.</i>
Summa <i>v<i>l</i>. ijs. ij<i>d</i>.</i>	

In primis gyven to the pore at tymes as cheritie as aperithe bie a bill	<i>ijs. iiij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item to the clarke of the Commemoration	<i>ix<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for procuracions in the bushop's visitacion	<i>xviiij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for tylyng of the churche	<i>xviiij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for lyme and tyle	<i>ijs. ij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for whityng the churche	<i>vij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for Bristowe lyme	<i>v<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for Bords to mend a gutter	<i>ij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for a commandement for Lode	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for a messenger to the Counsaile	<i>ijs.</i>
Item payd apon the order to Lode	<i>ijs. viij<i>d</i>.</i>
Item for a communion Cupp of vij ounces and iiij quarters at <i>vs.</i> <i>v<i>d</i>.</i> the ounce	<i>xlijs. ij<i>d</i>.</i>
Summa <i>iiij<i>l</i>. ijs. ij<i>d</i>.</i>	

And so restethe towards the churche clere *xls.*, which is payd and discharged.

67. The accompts of Thomas Mucklowe, a nother Church Warden
of the same church, made the same daye.

His Receytes.

In primis at the last accompt	xs.
Item for the rent for the land at Clifton due at our Ladie daye	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item of Thomas Salweye for ij trees	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item of the same for rent due at Mighelmas	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for the paten of a chalys	xvijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Item for an old lampe	ijs.
Item for an old surples	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for cheritie money at Eastur	xiijs. iij <i>d</i> .
Item of William Bristowe for a garden	ijs.

Summa iiij*li*. xixs. v*d*.

Payments.

Item gyven to the clarke	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for drynkyng at Richard Alen's	vj <i>d</i> .
Item for our expenses at Clifton	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to David Taylor, mother Katheryn, Mother Wright, Thomas Lee, John Gough, and other as aperithe bie a Byll	viijs. j <i>d</i> .
Item for a shrowde for Katheryn	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for wyne to the church	vjs. x <i>d</i> .
Item for ij commandements for Loode	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for ij bylles and a quittance to the commissioners	xij <i>d</i> .
Item for mendyng a bell whele	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for ryngyng for the Quene	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item payd to Mr. Hymulton at Eastar	viijs.
Item payd for his wages	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for a bawdrick of a bell	ijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Item for candelles at Christemas	ij <i>d</i> .
Item for hyns and nayles for seates	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item for glasyng the church	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item spent at Oselande's on Easter daye	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for wesshyng	ijs.
67 <i>b</i> . Item for a booke of articles	iiij <i>d</i> .
Summa lviijs. v <i>d</i> ., and so restithe towards the church clere	xijs.

Memorandum that of these seucrall accompts there remaynithe
clere to the church, all things allowed and deducted iiij*li*. xij*d*.

Whereof there is putt into the cheste lijs. iiij^d.
 Delyuered to the wardens of newe chosen, videlicet Robert Walle
 and Thomas Mucklowe xxxs.
 And the rest beyng vijs. viij^d. is distributed to the poore of the
 same parish at this present accompte.

[1572.] v^{to} die Augusti, 1572.

Memorandum that John Danks, George Wall, Nicolas Brooke,
 Thomas Allen, and Humfry Perryn, hathe payde these
 sommes of money out of the coffer which remaynethe
 in the churche, videlicet

Imprimis deliuered to Thomas Muckelowe for to paye Mr.
 Kyrte's fee for two seuerale matters xiijs. iiij^d.
 Item payde to Robert Walker, which he layed out of his
 purche at the assices vijs.
 Item payde to him for Mr. Plawden's fee for his counsaill in our
 evidences vjs. viij^d.
 Item payde to Mr. Scrupe for a commandement agaynste Lode
 ijs. iiij^d.

So remaynethe in the coffer iiij*li*. vijs. iiij^d.
 Item delyuered forthe of the cheste the Sonday xv^o Februarii,
 1573 to George Wall xxxs.
 Item to Robert Walker xxiijs.

68. [1573.] The accompt of Thomas Muckelowe, one of the churche
 guardianes of St. Mighelle's churche, made the xix daye
 of July, 1573.

Receits bie hym.

In primis apon the last accomp xxxs.
 Item for one hole yere's rent of Mistress Salwey for the churche
 land lijs. iiij^d.
 Item of Roger Folliott for Mr. Fisher's dett xiiij*ss*.
 Item of Robert Kent at tymes xxxs.
 Item of the charitie money at Easter xiijs. iiij^d.
 Item of Cowper for the rent of one of John Goughe's gardens
 ijs.
 Item of Roger Lode apon an order for the trees xli*ss*.
 Item for seate money xij^d.
 Summa viij*li*. xij*ss*. vij^d.



686. Payments bie hym.

In primis to Mother Wright	iijs.
Item to Hamons	xvd.
Item to William Spurrier	xijd.
Item to John Gough	vjd.
Item to Dixson	xiijd.
Item to Mother Clark	iijd.
Item to Mother Sergeant	xvjd.
Item to bothe the Elkyns	viijd.
Item to Baston	viijd.
Item to the old Pyncer	viijd.
Item to Katheryn Smithe	viijd.
Item to George Cooke	iijs. vjd.
Item to Partridge	iiijd.
Item to the goodwiffe Payne	iiijd.
Item to Ligh	iiijd.
Item to Partridge	viijd.
Item to David Goughe's wiff	viijd.
Item a porter of a hospitall	iiijd.
Item to Howell	iiijd.
Item for Whitson farthings	vd.
Item for a bottle of wyne to Clifton	xd.
Item for wyne gyven to Mr. Kerle	iiijd.
Item payd to Sir Henry Hymulton for his parte of the cheritie money at Eastur	viijs.
Item for wyne at Easter	vjd.
Item for wyne from Eastur tyll Mighelmas	xxd.
Item gyven to Woodfall	xijd.
Item for wyne from Mighelmas tyll Christemas	viijd.
Item for mendyng the Baldericke of a bell	viijd.
Item for ryngyng at the quene's renewing of her rayne	viijd.
Item for a booke	iiijd.
Item for mendyng of the churche wyndowes	iiijs.
Item for bell ropes	vijs.
Item for procurations	ixs.
Item payd for a commission from the counsaile aboute our churche land	ixs.
Item to William Pyncer scruyng of proces	xijd.

Item payd to Philip Gardenar aboute the same matter for goyng to Ludlowe ouer [it] and besydes ijs. that Roger Folliott gave hym	xij <i>d</i> .
69. Item gyven to Anne Organmaker and her mother	xij <i>d</i> .
Item to Mr. Hymulton for his wages	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for bookes	ijs.
Item payd at Evisham about the process	ijs. j <i>d</i> .
Item spent apon the parishioners apon Eastur daye at night	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item more at Mr. Dighton's	vj <i>d</i> .
Item Peryn's	ij <i>d</i> .
Item for wyne	xvj <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Gregorie Hart's wiff	ijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Item drynkyng at William Bristewe's	ij <i>d</i> .
Item for washyng the churche gere	ijs.
Item for mendyng the surples	viiij <i>d</i> .
Item to the commissioners for churche goods	ijs.
Item for a quitance	vj <i>d</i> .
Item for ij billes	vj <i>d</i> .
Item for seruyng a command[m]ent	vj <i>d</i> .
Item to a horse hire to Ludlowe for iiij dayes	ijs.
Item for his meate	ijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Item for my expenses	iijs.
Item more for my charges waytyng apon the counsaile	iiijs.
Item to Mr. Scrope for his paynes at the counsaile	vijs.
Item to Kydson for the hire of a mare	vj <i>d</i> .
Item to Peryn at Evisham	xij <i>d</i> .
Item to Hart's wiff	xd.
Summa v <i>l</i> i. xjs. iiij <i>d</i> .	

Item payd to Henry Pyncer furthe of the money that remaynes
apon this account as hereafter aperithe, for reparyng of
harnes when he was constable ijs.

Memorandum that there remaynes apon this accompt to be
payd bie the said Muchelowe, all charges to hym allowed,
the some of iiij*l*i. xv*d*., whereof he hathe payd at this
presente accompt xljs. iiij*d*., and the rest beyng xxs. he
owithe to the churche.

Item payd to George Wall apon his bill xviiij*d*.; money re-
maynyng clere apon this [certain words are scratched out] accompt

with xvs. that remayned in the cheste is lijs. ix*d.*, whiche money is delyuered to the guardyanes, videlicet to Mr. Walker xxvjs. ix*d.*, And to Mr. Fydo xvjs. and the communion cupp. [Other words are scratched out in the margin of the last sentences.]

69*b.* A rekenyng of George Wall at the former accompt.

Received by hym furthe of the cheste the some of xxxs.

Payd bie hym to Mr. Walker at Evisham at thassises	xs.
Item for the hire of George Walle's horse	ijs.
Item for the hire of Roger Follott's horse, Nicolas Broke and George Walle's at Evisham	iijs. i <i>d.</i>
Item for dyner and supper Monday	iiijs.
Item Tuisday dyner and supper	iijs. v <i>d.</i>
Item brekefast Wensdaye	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item to Roger Folliott for charges in thassises	ijs. viii <i>d.</i>
Item to John Danks in licke manner	ijs. viii <i>d.</i>
Item expenses betwene meles at Evisham	ijs.

Summa xxxjs. v*d.*, so that there remaynithe to George Wall xvii*d.* payd and discharged.

70. A rekenyng of Robert Walker.

Who receaued furthe of the cheste xxiijs. And more of George Wall xs.

Payd at Evisham assisses.

In primis for the Juries' dyner	ixs. v <i>d.</i>
Item to John Wiche for attendyng apon the Jury	iii <i>d.</i>
Item for the inquiry of the privie veredict	x <i>d.</i>
Item to the Judge for the privie viredict	vjs. viii <i>d.</i>
For the clark of thassise fee	ijs.
Item for the enteriing	ijs. iii <i>d.</i>
Item to the cryar	v <i>d.</i>
Item to Mr. Fowler's man	iijs. iii <i>d.</i>
Item for thattorney's fee	iijs. iii <i>d.</i>
Item to the baylye Button for wachyng the Jury	ijs.

Summa xxiijs.

70*b.* [1573.] Apud Wigorn, x^o die Junii anno Regno Reginae Elizabethæ, etc., xv^o, inter Robertum Walker et Thomam Muckelowe, querentes et Rogerum Lode defendentem.

At whiche daye bothe parties apered before the quene's majesty's counsell in the Marches of Wales, who examened the matter within

specified. And forasmuche as the parties have sufficiently proved bie the deposicions of wittenesses that the defendant bought the eight trees within specified of the late churchwardens of the parishe church of St. Mighell within specified for xls., and promised to paye the same at a daye long past, for the reparacions of the seid church and reliff of the pore people of the seid parishe, and payd thereof xij*d*. in earnest; And for that the defendant confessed bie his answere and otherwise that the rest is yet vnpayd; It is at this tyme ordered that the seid defendant shall content and paye to the parties to the vse within specified the rest of the seid xls., beyng xxxix*s*., together with *x*s**., towards the parties' costs susteyned in this sute. And the defendent if he woll to be at his remedie over ageynst the within named Thomas Clifton, gent., who he affirmethe toke certeyne of the trees from hym.

J. C. Sherer.

71. The Accompte of Robert Walker, one of the church guardyanes, the xiiij day of Marche, 1573.

Receaued bie hym the same yere.

In primis of Thomas Salwey for on yere's rent of the land at Clifton	liijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item of Robert Kent for his rent	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item receaued of the cheritie money at Eastur	ix <i>s</i> . vj <i>d</i> .
Item receaued of the church money at the Last accompt	xxvjs. ix <i>d</i> .
Summa <i>v<i>li</i></i> . ijs. xj <i>d</i> .	

Payments bie hym made.

In primis to Mr. Hymulton for his parte of the Cheritie money	vijs.
Item for wyne at Eastur	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item for Mr. Hymulton's wages	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Mr. Kerle for drawyng our Replicacion versus Lode at the counsell	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to Mr. Trovell for his fee at the heryng of the matter	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item to Mr. Prynce for his fee	vs.
Item to Mr. Poughnell, attorney	ijs.
Item charges at Clyfton when the parishe was last there	iijs.
Item for parchement to write the Dedes and obligacions for the church Landes	xij <i>d</i> .

- 71st Item for Frende's charges when he sealed our Deedes xij^d
 Item spent upon occyryne of the parische at the same tyme vij^d
 Item for the Baldericke of a bell xvij^d
 Item for my charges and my man Rydyng twice to the countre
 about Lode's matter vij^d vñ^d
 Item payd for the parische drynkyng at Mr. Dighton's at Easter
 xij^d ij^d
 Item payd to Frend in parte of his payment whiche was agreed
 to be payd to hym for his goodwill to make us a newe
 scutement ij^d ij^d
 Summa vij^d xvj^d
 And there restithe to be payd to Mr. Walker for that he hath
 levyd furthe more then he hath receaved xxvij^d iij^d
 Memorandum that Roger Follyott dothe owe to the Church
 for plate sold as aperithe by a bill ij^d ij^d
 72 The account of Thomas Fyolwe, the other churchwardene,
 made at the foresaid daye.

Receipts.

- In primis of the church money at his first entering xxvij^d
 Item of Thomas Salvey for two shimes vij^d vñ^d
 Item of Roger Lode for a shill xij^d

Summa xxxij^d vñ^d

Payments made by hym.

- In primis given in shimes to Richard Wadhal xij^d
 Item payd to John Deaks for money that he levyd furthe above
 our sum in Lave vij^d vñ^d
 Item for rynging the Dore of the Quene's coronation xij^d
 Item for Whitsun iij^d iij^d
 Item given in shimes to Roger Gough ij^d
 Item for our charges when we took possession at Cliffe ij^d ij^d

ij^d ij^d

- Item given in shimes to Margery Elkyng vij^d

- 73rd Item to Roger Symons vij^d
 Item to Sergeant ij^d
 Item to James Wadham vij^d
 Item to Wadhal vij^d
 Item to Sergeant vij^d
 Item for vesting the church tyner ij^d
 Item at the burying of James Dury's restation vij^d

Item for wyne to the communion at tymes ijs. ix*d*.

Summa xx*s*. vij*d*.

And so he remaynithe in the churche dett, althings to hym allowed xiijs. j*d*, payd and distcharged.

Memorandum that at the same accompt Roger Folliott payd of his dett to the churche and was allowed by the hole parishe as folowithe

First towards the payment of Nicolas Freend he payd xx*s*.

Item payd bie hym to Philip Gardenar in goyng to Ludlowe with a commission about the parishe sute versus Lode ijs.

Item allowed to hym for his charge at the assises at Evisham aboute the sute of the churche land iijs. iiij*d*.

Item allowed to hym for his wrytyng in this booke for dyuers yeres past xs.

Item he payd in money at this accompt xs.

And so the whole at this tyme by hym payd and allowed is xl*vs*. iiij*d*.

Memorandum at this presente accompte there was gyven to the pore of the parishe iijs. j*d*.

73. And the rest, videlicet xx*s*., was delyuered at the same tyme, xs. to Thomas Fydowe and xs. to Roger Coffyn, of newe chosen guardyanes.

[1577.] Memorandum the xxj daye of Aperell 1577.

Thomas Fydoe and Mr. Walker for Thomas Coffyn dyd yeld a accompt, as aperithe bie theire billes, and apon the accompt of Thomas Fydo there remaynithe to the churche clere xvijs. ix*d*, and apon Roger Coffyne's accompt vjs. vij*d*, all whiche some is delyuered to Mr. Hymulton for the churche vse.

Gyven thereof at the same tyme xx*d*. to Nicolas Organmaker, Woodfall, Dixson the clark, Katheryn Smithe and Posterne.

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74. [1579.] The Accompt of Richard Alen and Walter Walker, churche guardyanes, made the xijth daye of Marche 1579.

Richard Alen's Receipts.

In primis of John Danks for parte of Mr. Salwaye's rent vs.

Item received of Walter Walker xx*d*.

Item received of Mr. Hymulton	xiijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item received of Thomas Salwaye for parte of our Ladie Daye rent 1578	xiijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Seate money. Item of John Symons for his seate	vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Humfrey Peryn	viiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Chelmarshe	viiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Ford	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Gregory Hart	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Dorothie Bushell	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Richard Eger	vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Richard Jackson	viiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Nicolas Philips	vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Mr. Archepoll	xij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Mistres Stanley	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Humfrey Staunton	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Thomas Lee	vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of widowe Coke	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Mr. Bullyngham	viiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Rowland Lynyall	x $\mathcal{d}$.
Item of Thomas Salwey for Mighelmas rent 1578	xiijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item Received of cheretie money at Easter 1577	xs.
Item Received at Easter for cheritie money 1578	vs.
Summa iiij $\mathcal{l}$. xvs. ij $\mathcal{d}$.	

74 b . The money Leyd furthe bie Ric[h]ard Alen], as aperithe bie his bill, is iiij $\mathcal{l}$. vijs. ij $\mathcal{d}$.

And so remaynithe viijs. to be payd bie hym apon this accompt, whiche is payd and discharged.

Paid to Humfrey Peryn for dressyng of harnes iiij $\mathcal{s}$., which was parte of the seid viijs.

The Accompt of Walter Walker one of the churche wardens.

In primis Received of Danks for parte of Mr. Salweye's rent	viijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Received of Thomas Salwey for parte of our Ladie daye rent 1578	xiijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Received of hym for parte of Mighelmas rent next after	xiijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Received of Thomas Salweye for rent	xxvjs. viij $\mathcal{d}$.
Summa Recepta iiij $\mathcal{l}$. xx $\mathcal{d}$.	

Memorandum that the particulars of the money that Walter Walker hathe Leyd furthe for the churche, as aperithe bie his bill, is *iiij*l*. iijs. ij*d**. And there is owyng to hym apou thes accompt *xviij*d**. payd and discharged.

Item there remaynithe clere in the churche stock at this tyme *xxxiiij*s*. x*d**., delyuered to Mr. Archepoll and Thomas Flecher the newe churchewardens.

75. [1581.] Thacompt of me, Edward Archpole, one of the Churchwardens of St. Michael's in Bedwardyne geaven vp the last daye of Aprill 1581 Anno Regni Reginae Elizabethæ *xxiiij^o*.

A note of receipts before the *xth* of Julie laste paste.

In primis, I the saide churchwarden do chargde mysellffe with *xxxiiij*s*. x*d**., Received the *xijth* of Aprill 1579 at the yeldinge vp of thacompts of Walter Walker and Richard Allen *xxxiiij*s*. x*d**.

Item received of the saide Richard Allen vpon Easter daye then next following, which was collected of the Communicants vpon Passion and Palme Sondaie *ij*s**.

Item received the *xxixth* June nexte ensuyng of Thomas Sallweye the moietie of his fine, videlicet *xiiij*l*. vjs. viij*d**.

Item received the *xvijth* of October nexte followinge of the saide Thomas Sallwey hallff a yer's rente due at Mychaellmas before *xxvjs. viij*d**.

Item received of Mr. Pattryck the firste hallff yer's rente of his howse due at January 1580 *vjs. viij*d**.

Item received of Thomas Sallweye, by the hands of *iiij* of the ffeffees, 23^o Junii 1580, the other moitie of his fyne, videlicet *xiiij*l*. vjs. viij*d**.

A note of receipts after the *xth* of Julie 1580.

Received of Thomas Sallwey his rente due at Mychaellmas 1580 *xxvjs. viij*d**.

Received of Mr. Pattryck his rente and parte of his fyne due at the said Mychaellmas *xx*s**.

Received of Thomas Sallwey his rent due thannunciacion last paste *xxvjs. viij*d**.

Received of Mr. Pattrycke his rente and parte of his fyne due at the said Annunciacion *xiijs. iiij*d**.

Summa totalis of the whole chard[g]e is *xxxiiij*l*. xs. ij*d**.

75^b. A note of money disburste before the xth of Julie last paste.

In primis layed oute the same daye I was elected, videlicet,
the 12 of Aprill 1579, at the meeting of the parishe at
Walter Walker's vjd

Item at thassemblic of the parishe at the same place vpon
Easter daye then next ensuing vijd

Item vpon Sondaye the second of Maye 1579 the moitie of
xijd. geaven by my fellow Fletcher and me to widdow
Woodfall, widdow Gest, and widdow Pynner vjd

Item the laste of Maye 1579 the moitie of iij. geaven by my
fellow and me towards the buriall of wydowe Cardmaker

xijd

Item vpon Whitsondaye 1579 the moitie of vijd. geaven by
my fellow and me to goodwiff Shaw being sicke iijjd.

Item payd the vth of Julie 1579 for a quarter C de[midum ?]
rent pale iij. vjd

Item dd. [delivered ?] to my fellow Fletcher to provide tymber
tile lyme, and other necessities for repaying the parishes
howse v. x.

Item payed to Arnold Beane, the xijth of Julie, 1579, for iij sils
and a side trace xij. vijd., for a beame a side trace and
a first peece ix., for one walle plate iij., for a quarter of
rodde vs. ij., for xij bondell of lathes vs., for ij case powles
xij., for iij bondell of lathes xx., for one case powle vjd.
for v vinles [?] iij. iij., for ij postes iij. iij., the whole

xliij. vijd.

Item payed the same daye for rent pale vjd.

Item layed out at thassemblic of the parishe at Goodman
Peryn's the 30th of August 1579, at which tyme thei
granted a lease to Mr. Pattryke iijjd.

Item payed to the Clarke towards buylding of his Chymney x.

Item geaven to widow Woodfall the 20th of September 1579 xijd.

76. Item payed to Mr. Bell the 17th of October for his wages due
at Mychaellmas before xliij. iijjd.

Item payed the viijth of November for a deske vjd.

Item geaven by my fellow and me to the ringers vpon the
Queen's hoolie daye 1579 iij. x. whereof I disbursed xvjd.

Item geaven amongst the poore of the parishe vpon Christmas
evee [sic] 1579 v. vijd.

Layed out at thassemblie of the parishe vpon Easter daye then following the moietie of ijs., videlicet	xij <i>d</i> .
Item to goodman Fletcher's sister at ij several tymes	xij <i>d</i> .
Item to wyddow Woodfall ij partes of xij <i>d</i> ., videlicet	vii <i>d</i> .
Layed out for scouring of harness	xx <i>d</i> .
Layed out at the trayning of Soldyars	xvj <i>d</i> .
Delyuered to the goodman Parryes at the minster topte, the viij th of Julie	vs.
Geaven to old father Pynner the moitie of xij <i>d</i> ., videlicet	v <i>d</i> .

A note of money disbursed after the said xth of Julie 1580.

Geaven the saide x th daye of Julie to a poore man which came to the churche to crave the benevolent of the parishe	v <i>d</i> .
Layed out for a booke of homelies, 11 ^o Julij	iiij <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
Item to the Glasyer for mendinge the wyndoes, 17 ^o Julij	ix <i>d</i> .
Item for a booke of artycles at my L[ast] visitacion	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item geaven to widow Woodfall being sicke	v <i>d</i> .
Item to my fellow Fletcher's sister	v <i>d</i> .
Item payed for a frame for the ten commandments	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item spent at the exhibiting of our bill of presentment	xij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to Mr. Bell, 13 Augusti, his wages for Mychaellmas then next following	xiiij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
Item geaven to Posterne 14 of August by consent of the parishe towards his journey to the buthes	vs.
Item geaven to widow Clerke being sycke	xij <i>d</i> .
76 <i>b</i> . Item geaven at the Collection for Portsmouthe	xij <i>d</i> .
Item to a poore boye which came to require almes at our church upon St. Mathewe's daye	ij <i>d</i> .
Item payed for a prayer booke	v <i>d</i> .
Item dd. to goodman Perryn at the setting out of footemen vnto Ireland	xvj <i>s</i> .
Item geaven to widow Dyxson being sycke	v <i>d</i> .
Item to her at an other tyme, viz. 15 ^o November	v <i>d</i> .
Item to the ryngers at the Quee[n]'s hooliedaye last past	xij <i>d</i> .
Item payed to Roger Clark 22 Novembris for iij yeres' arrerage of Whitson farthings	xv <i>d</i> .
Item geaven to goodman Mucklow in tyme of his sycknes	ij <i>s</i> .
Item to goodman Grafton at his first sycknes	ij <i>s</i> .
Item geaven to wydow Clerk 1 ^o Decembris	xij <i>d</i> .

Item dd. to Mr. Bell vpon Christmas even laste to distribute
amongst the poorest of the parishe xs.
Item payed for wyne vpon Christmas daye for the Com-
municants iijd.
Item geaven to Widow Dixson the 8th of Januarie vjd.
Item to wyddow Woodfall the xjth of Januarie vjd.
Item geaven at ij severall tymes to a mayde which laye syck
in the howse where my fellow Fletcher's sister dyed xiijd.
Item payed to George Lye the xxiiijth of Februarie 1580 for
tymber, iiij dayes' workmanship of his sellff, and iiij dayes'
of his man, in making iiij newe seates adjoyninge to the
lefte side of the quyer and in mending old seats xixs.
Item dd. to Mr. Bell to bestow amongst the poore of the parishe
vpon good fryday laste ijs. vjd.
Item geaven towards the sharden of goodman Grafton in his
laste Sycknes ijs.
Summa tot[alis] of money disbursed xiiij*li.* js. v*d.*

77. So cleare to the parishe by this accompte the sume of
xx*li.* viijs. ix*d.*
Whereof delyuered to Mr. Bland xxs.
And to Chelmarshes xxs.
And the rest videlicet xviiij*li.* viijs. ix*d.* in the custodie of
Mr. Archepole.
Whereof gyven to Mr. Bell towardes the reparacion of the
parsonage vs.
And to Thomas Mucklowe iijs. ix*d.*
And so remaynithe xviiij*li.*

77*b.* [This page is blank.]

78. [1580.] The accmpts of me Thomas Fletcher, one of the cherche
Wardens of Saynte Myghel's in Bedwardyne, geuen vp there
accmpts the laste off Aprell, 1580, Anno Regni Reginae Eliza-
bethæ xxiiijth.

Amounte of moneye Receyved.

In primis fyrste Receyved of Thomas Salwa[y] gentyllman for
one halfe yere's Rent dewe at owre Ladye in lent

xxvjs. viij*d.*
Item of him for another halfe yere's rent xxvjs. viij*d.*
Item of charytie money at Easter xs. iiij*d.*

Receyved of Mr. Archepole at the buildyng of Kent's howse

vli. xs.

Receyved of the goods that were praysyd in Kent's howse that
be solde

lvij. s. iiij. d.

Summa xli. xs. xj. d.

Geuyn to the poore.

Item the thyrd of Maye my fellowe Mr. Archepowle and I gaue
to three wydowes the Moitie of xij. d., that was wydow
Woodfaule, wydow Pynner, wydowe Gowghe

vj. d.

Item geuyn to the buryall of Margaret Ferecleffe the laste
of Maye

xij. d.

Item geuyn to the good wyffe Shae the viijth of Junnie by
my fellowe Mr. Archepowle and me the Moietie of viij. d.

iiij. d.

Geuyn to Margerye Elkyns the xth of November by my fellowe
and me the moytye of xij. d.

vj. d.

Item geuyn by my fellow Mr. Archepowle and me to Raffe
Symons the vjth of Apryll the moyetye of xij. d.

vj. d.

Item geuyn to Margerye Elkyns the same day by my by my
[sic] fellowe Mr. Archepowle and me the moytye of xij. d.

vj. d.

Geuyn to the goodwyfe Woodfaule the xij of Apryll lying verye
sycke the moite of xij. d., that was hys viij. d. and my iiij. d.

Geuyn to Margerye Elkyngs lying sycke xth of June

vj. d.

There remaynes of Thomas Flecher's accompt clere xxjs. vj. d.,
whereof gyven to Thomas Flecher xxs. and now to Peryn
for charges in mustryng xvij. d. of newe John Bland and
Richard Chelmarsh

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78b. Geuyn to the poore and payde owte for other thynges.

Item Receyvyd of charyte money at Ester

xiijs. ij. d.

Wyne for communycants at Ester and all the yeare

vs. vj. d.

Payde to Mr. Bell of the same money

vijs. ij. d.

Payments sence owre laste mekyng.

Payde at Wattys at the geuyng vp of owre byll at the vycy-
tacyon

iiij. d.

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Mendynge the carpet for the communion table

vj. d.

Payde to the ryngers apon the Quen's holydaye

xij. d.

Payde for three peyre of hynges for three seats in the cherche

ix. d.

Item for nayles and tacks for the seates and to set vp the pulpyt	xjd.
Item for two pyllers that the pulpyt [<i>sic</i>]	xijd.
Item for lathe for it	vjd.
Item to George Lye and hys man for a daye's worke to set vp the pulpyt and mend the seats abowte the cherche	xxd.
Item for makyng a clothe for the communion table and mendyng holis in it	vjd.
Item payde to George Lye for mendyng the beere	viijd.
Item for washyng	ijs.
Item payde to John Symons for Iorne worke for the polpyt	ijd.
Item payde at Walter Walker's apon Ester daye for owre drynkyng	xvjd.
Item payde for two redde skyns to lyne the quoshons	xvjd.
Item for fethers to stuffe them	viijd.
Item for makyng them	xijd.
Payde for the seat where the pulpit stode to George Lie	ijs.
Summa xvjs. iiijd.	

Gevyn to the poore.

Gevyn to wyddowe Woodfaule the xiiij th of July	vjd.
Gevyn to Margerye Elkins the same daye	vjd.
Gevyn to Margerye the xxix th daye of Julye	vjd.
Geven to the good wyffe Clerke the fyrste of Aprell	vjd.
Gevyn to hyr the xxvj th of Aprell	vjd.
Gevyn to the goo[d] wyffe Woodfaule xiiij of Aprell	vjd.
Gevyn to wydo[w] Dyxon the same daye	vjd.
Summa xxxiijs.	

Item receyued of charyte money at Ester laste	xijs. iijd.
Of the same payde to Mr. Bell	vjs. iijd.
For wyne for communycants of the same	iiijs. vjd.

Remanet xviijd.

79. Payments for Reparacions of Kent's howse and the cherche and other things nessesarye.

Item fyrste for Wynne at Aster for communycants	iiijs. iijd.
Payde to Sir Harrye Hybleton of the charytye money	vjs. vd.
Payde at Walter Walker's apon Ester daye at the drynkyng	viijd.
Item for Wynne apon Whytsondaye for the communycants	iijd.
Payd to Rychard Danks the xx th of Maye for mendyng the whels of the bells and a seate in the quyre	viijd.

- Item payde to Rychard Brotherton for hallyng iiij pieces of
tymber from the Ketye *xd.*
- Bestowed apon men to helpe downe with the frame where owre
lytle bell hanged *vjd.*
- Item payde for one hundryth of borde nayle *vijd.*
- Item payde for vij hundryth of lathe nayle *xijd.*
- Item payde to Ancret and his man for a week's work at Kent's
howse *ixs. vjd.*
- Payde to a man to helpe them to take downe the old howse
vjd.
- Payd agay[n] to Ancret and his man for an other week's work
lackyng a daye *viijs.*
- Payde for a loode and a halfe of stone to quyne the house *iiijs.*
- Payde for three barrells of lyme and the carredge *iijs. iiijd.*
- Payde for halfe a hundryth of borde to make two doores *ijs.*
- Payde for a thowsand and a halfe of lathe nayle more *ijs. vjd.*
- Payde more for a hundryth and a halfe of vij peny nayle *xd. ob.*
- Payde to Ancret and hys man for a weeke's worke *ixs. vjd.*
- Payde to two men for a week's worke to make the wauls and
to plaster them *xs. xd.*
- Payd to the good man Bosshell and hys man for a daye's worke
in tylyng *xviijd.*
- Payde to the sawyar for sawyng one of the olde fytraces of the
olde house that was broken to make ledges for the doores
and a joyste for the chamber ouer the parler *vjd.*
- Item for a rafter powle and to other to make pynns of *xijd.*
- Item for a week's worke to Ancret and hys man *ixs. vjd.*
- Item for spyke nayle *iiijd.*
- Item for two barrells of lyme more *ijs. iiijd.*
- Item for halfe a thowsand of lathe nayle more *xd.*
- Item for a hundryth of vij peny nayle more *vijd.*
- Item more for halfe a thowsand of lathe nayle *xd.*
- Payde to the good man Broke for three loodes of sand *iijs.*
- 79b. Payde to hym more for iiij loode of cleye *ijs.*
- Payde to hym more for hallyng vpe from the Keye three pecys
of tymber *vjd.*
- Payde to hym for caryng iij barrells of lyme and xij bondell of
lathes *iiijd.*
- Payde to hym for carryng a loode and a halfe of stoone *vjd.*

Payde to Borshell and hys Sonne and theyre two men for
 a week's worke in tylyng xvs. ix*d*.
 Payde to the pergytor and hys man for a week's worke more
vs. x*d*.
 Payde to Gylbarte Ancret and hys man for a week's worke
 more ixs. v*d*.
 Payde to Dowghtye for a thowsand and a halfe of tyle xvs.
 Payde to hym for carryng of the same tyle xviij*d*.
 Payde to hym for a loode of sand xij*d*.
 Payde to the good man Malten for v deosen av gutter tyle and
 vij crests iiij*s*.
 Payde for an other barrell of lyme xiiij*d*.
 Payde to John Symons for a hynge ij hookes and three lytle
 staples iiij*d*.
 Payde to the pargyter for two dayes' worke to make an end
 of quoyning the tyls and poyntyng and whytyng the
 wauls xv*d*.
 Payde to Water Sadler for makyng the baudrycke new of the
 greate bell xij*d*.
 Payde at Walter Walker's for owre breckfaste when we gave vp
 owre byll to Mr. Herle at the vysytayon in owre cherche
xij*d*.
 Payde for shuttyng a bell rope iiij*d*.
 Payde for wyne the xi day of October for communycants ij*d*.
 Payde for wyne apon hyr maiestye's holyedaye for commu-
 nycants iiij*d*.
 Payde to the ryngers the same daye xij*d*.
 Payde to Rychard the tyller and his man for three dayes' worke in
 tylyng of the cherche and mendyng the selyng and wauls
 of the cherche, a pauement in the quyer and other places in
 the cherche, and swepyng the selyng and the wauls iiij*s*. v*d*.
 Item for two hundryth and a halfe of tyle for the cherche
ijs. v*d*.
 Item for v stryke of lyme for it xv*d*.
 Item for iiij stryke of sand ij*d*.
 Item for halfe deosen of gutter tyle for the cherche iiij*d*. ob.
 Item for a borde and nayles to stope the south wyndowe in the
 cherche iiij*d*.
 Item for wyne apon Candyllmasse daye

Payde to the clerk's wyffe for wasshyng	ijs.
Payde for a book of prayer towchyng the earthquake	vjd.
Wynne for communycants the thyrd of Julie, beyng Sondaye	iijs.

iiij*li*. xiijs. vij*d. ob.*

Summa totalis viij*li*. iiij*d.*; and so remayneth to the church
xliijs.

80. [1580.] Memorandum that the xth daye of July 1580 Mr. Archepoll and Thomas Flecher dyd shoue theire billes of accompt bie which it dothe apeir that Mr. Archepoll hathe in his custodie clere apõn his reckenynge xx*li*. vjd., and that Thomas Flecher hathe in his hand xliijs. clere apon his reckenynge remaynyng to the churche.

And at the same tyme Walter Walker delyuered to the parishe the Dede for the land at Clyfton made by John Robynson, the exemplificacion of the recouerey for the same Land, a release from Thirkell, the counterpane [*sic*] of Salweye's old lease and certayne papurs.

Also at the same tyme dyd apere bie a bill that certeyne of the parisheners were in debt to the churche and haue byne so of long tyme, of the whiche many are ded, many pore, and for dyuers other good causes the same debts is forgeven and pardoned bie the assent of the whole parish and discharged.

80*b*. [1581.] Memorandum that apon Sondaye the last of Aperell 1581 Mr. Edward Archepole and Thomas Flecher made theire accompte for this parishe.

Item that apon the accompt of the said Mr. Archepole all thyngs allowed there dyd remayne to the parish xx*li*. viijs. ix*d.*

Whereof delyuered to Mr. John Bland and Richard Chelmarshe who are of newe chosen guardyanes for the yere to come, xxs. a pece. xls.

Item more gyven to Mr. Bell our curate towards the reparacion of his house vs.

Item to Thomas Muckelowe iijs. ix*d.*

And so remaynithe cler in the custodie of Mr. Archepoll xviiij*li*.

Also the accompt of Thomas Flecher all thyngs allowed hym apon his accompt remaynithe clere to the churche xxjs. vjd.

Whereof gyven to Thomas Flecher towards the cure in surgery
 of his sone Christofer Flecher *xxs.* and more allowed to
 Peryn the constable apon a remanet for lacke of payment
 for setting forth a soldyer *xviij*℥**
 And so remaynithe apon his accompt *nihil.*

81. [1582.] The accompt of John Bland one of the churche guar-
 dyanes of St. Mighell parishe made the vijth of Maye 1582.

Receyts bie John Bland.

In primis receaued at the last accompt	<i>xxs.</i>
Item receaued more	<i>xij<i>℥</i></i>
Summa <i>xxjs.</i>	

Payments bie hym.

For the parisheners drynkyng at Peryn's after the accompt	<i>xij<i>℥</i></i>
Item gyven to the clarke	<i>v<i>℥</i></i>
Item payd to mother Dixson, wickely after <i>v<i>℥</i></i> . the weeke, for xix weeks and half	<i>ixs. ix<i>℥</i></i>
Item gyven to mother Clark	<i>ii<i>℥</i></i>
Item gyven to burye her xvij ^o Maij	<i>xij<i>℥</i></i>
Item gyven to mother Wodfall	<i>ii<i>℥</i></i>
Item gyven to Posterne's wife in her childbed	<i>v<i>℥</i></i>
Item gyven to a pore man with a licence	<i>xij<i>℥</i></i>
Item to a nother pore man with a licence	<i>v<i>℥</i></i>
Item to a nother pore man with a licence	<i>vii<i>℥</i></i>

Summa *xvs. v*℥**

And so remaynes to the churche clere apon this accompt all
 thynges allowed *vs. viij*℥**

Payd and discharged.

81^b. The accompte of Richard Chelmarshe, the other church
 guardyane of the seid parishe, made the seid daye and yere.

Receytes bie hym.

In primis receaued at the last accompt	<i>xxs.</i>
Item of Mr. Godyer for his seate	<i>xij<i>℥</i></i>
Item apon Whitsondaye for cheritie money	<i>xiiij<i>℥</i></i>
Item of mother Hancox for her seate	<i>iiij<i>℥</i></i>
Item of Morrys Davyes for his seate	<i>v<i>℥</i></i>
Item of Thomas Bond for his seate and his wiffe's seate	<i>xij<i>℥</i></i>
Item of Mr. Salweye for Mighelmas rent	<i>xxvjs. viij<i>℥</i></i>
Item of Mr. Patrick for his rent due then	<i>xiijs. iiij<i>℥</i></i>

Item of George Lye for his seate	viijs.
Item of Symons the tothe drawer for his seate	vjs.
Item of Edward Davyes for his seate	vjs.
Item of Mr. Patricke for our Ladie daye rent	xiijs. iijs.
Item for cheritie money at Easter	vjs. iijs.
Item of Mr. Salwey for our Ladie daye rent	xxvjs. viijs.
Item of Mrs. Mose for her seate	iijs.
Item of William Ford for his seate	iijs.
Item of Humfrey Peryn for his seate	vjs.

Summa *vli.* xiijs.

82. Payments bie hym.

Item gyven to the clarke at thacompt	vjs.
Item apon Whitsondaye for wyne	xviijs.
Item gyven to mother Clark	iijs.
Item to her buryall	xiijs.
Item to goodwaff Woodfall	iijs.
Item to Edward Heks for wertyng [<i>sic</i>] in the bible where it lacked	ixd.
Item to Folke the boke bynder for bosses and claspes to the bible	vs. iijs.
Item to Randle Litle for a balrick for one of the belles	xij.
Item to Richard Turnar for mendyng the claper of a bell	iijs. iijs.
Item to John Awood for part of a bell ropp	xij.
Item to a pore man with a licence	vjs.
Item to the goodwiffe Woodfall	vjs.
Item for wyne apon All Saints' daye	iijs. ob.
Item for wyne the xvij of November	iijs. ob.
Item the same daye for ryngynge	ijs.
Item for Whitson farthyngs	vd.
Item to Mr. Bell for his wage	xiijs. iijs.
Item for wyne the iijs ^{de} of December	iijs.
Item to the pore of the parishe xxij December	ijs.
Item for a keye to the chauncell dore for the curate	iijs.
Item to Therle for a bell whele	iijs. jd.
Item for two keyes for a coffer locke	viijs.
Item to Muckelowe's wiff	vjs.
Item to mother Woodfall	vjs.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS,

For wyne on Passion Sunday	iiij <i>d. ob.</i>
For wyne on Palme Sunday	x <i>d. ob.</i>
Item to John Awood for a bell ropp	xxij <i>d.</i>
For wyne on Maunday Thursday	viiij <i>d.</i>
For wyne on Easteryeave	vij <i>d.</i>
For wyne on Easter daye	xx <i>d.</i>
For the parishioners drynkyng on the same daye at Mr. Dighton's	xx <i>d.</i>
Item to Posterne in almes	vij <i>d.</i>
For wyne on Lowsonday	iiij <i>d. ob.</i>
Item to John Awood for a ropp for the saunce bell	vd.
Item for washyng the churche Lynen	ijs.
Item payd to the goodwiff Dixson for xxxj weeks, after	vij <i>d.</i>
the week	xvs. vij <i>d.</i>

Summa totalis iiij*li. ix. ix*d.**

Whiche some allowed and deducted furthe of the former some of vi*li. xiijs.* there remaynithe to the churche xliijs. x*d.*, whereof delyuered to the newe guardyanes, videlicet, Roger Follyott and Richard Chelmarshe xls., euery of them xxs., gyven to the clark vij*d.*, and spent apon the parishenors after the accompt ijs. ij*d.*

Memorandum that at the same Accompt there was payd to Mr. Bacheler for thre yere that he was behynd of a marke bie yere for the Lease of Kent's house xls., of whiche money there is taken furthe of our churche stock that Mr. Archepoll hathe in kepyng xxxiijs. iiij*d.* So that there remaynes in his custodie xvj*li. vjs. viij*d.**

83. [1582.] Memorandum that I William Bacheler of the Citie of Worcester, Baker, haue receaued of Roger Follyott one of the churche wardens of St. Mighelles forty sh[i]llyngs of Lawfull money of England for three yere's payment of a mark bie yere, vnpayd for the some of vj*li.* whiche was promised bie the parishenors there for the redemcion of the lease of Kent's house, the vjth daye of Maye Anno Regni Reginæ Elizabethæ xxiiijth, in the presence of Thomas Malten and Guthelake Follyott.

William Bacheler

83^b. [1583.] The accompte of Roger Follyott one of the church wardens made the xijth of Maye 1583.

Receyts.

Receaued at his firste entrey to the office	xxs.
Receaued of Thomas Salweye for halfe yere's rent of the land at Clifton due at Mighelmas last	xxvjs. viij ^d .
Summa	xlvs. viij ^d .

Payments.

Payd to Mother Dixson after vj ^d . the week from Mydsomer to Mighelmas xiiij weekes	vijs.
Payd to Mr. Slough curatt for his wage due at Mighelmas	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Payd in almes at Christemas besydes viijs. that the colledge gave	xv ^d .
Payd to mother Dixson from Christemas tyll our Ladie daye xij weekes	vj ^d .
Payd for procurations in my L[ord] Bushop's visitacion the v th of Maye 1583	xviiij ^d .
Summa	xxixs. j ^d .

And so remaynes clere to the churche all thyngs allowed xvijs. vij^d. whiche some is payd and this accompt discharged.

84. The accompts of Richard Chelmarshe the other churche warden the same daye and yere.

Receyts.

Receaued at his entryng to the office	xxs.
Receaued for cheritie money at the communion	xixs. xd.
Receaued from Mr. Patricke for his rent due at Mighelmas	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Received of Morrys Davyes for his seat and his wyve's	xviiij ^d .
Received Fraunc[i]s Downyng for his seate and his wiffe's	viiij ^d .
Received of Davyd Brassy for his seate and hys wyve's	xviiij ^d .
Received of Thomas Salweye for his rent due at our Ladie daye	xxvjs. viij ^d .
Received of Richard Gyles for his seate and his wiff's	viiij ^d .
Received of Mr. Patricke for his rent due at our ladie daye	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Received of Mrs. Benet for her seate	iiij ^d .
Received of the good wiff Abell for her seate	iiij ^d .
Summa	iiij ^{li} . xviijs. ij ^d .

84b. Richard Chelmarsh payments.

For my charges at Stoke court	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
For Ryngyng apon the Quene's holie daye	ijs.
For a Balricke for a Bell	viiij $\mathcal{d}$.
For mendyng a surples	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
For mendyng the glasse wyndowes	iijs. vj $\mathcal{d}$.
For a bell rope	xxj $\mathcal{d}$.
Gyven to the godwiffe Wodfall	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Payd for the parishe drynkynge at Easter	iiij $\mathcal{d}$. viij $\mathcal{d}$.
Gyven to the good wiffe Alberowe to burie her child	vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Payd for the bill of presentment in the visitacion of the L[ord] bushop	viiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Payd to the Regester at the delyuery thereof	vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Item spent the same daye	xviij $\mathcal{d}$.
For washyng the churche lynen	ijs.
For mendyng a seate	j $\mathcal{d}$.
Payd to Mr. Slowgh of the cheritie money	ixs. xd.
For wyne to the communion at dyuers tymes as aperithe by his bill	vs. viij $\mathcal{d}$. ob.
And more for wyne	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Payd to Mother Dixson at tymes bie vj $\mathcal{d}$. a weke	xiijs. vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Summa xlvij $\mathcal{d}$. xj $\mathcal{d}$. ob.	

And so remaynethe to the churche clere apon this accompt
ls. ij $\mathcal{d}$. ob. payd and discharged.

85. Memorandum at this accompt Mr. Archepoll delyuered vp to
the parishe the churche stocke whiche dyd remayne in his
custodie, videlicet xvj*li*. vjs. viij $\mathcal{d}$., of the whiche some he dyd
lend to Richard Alen vs., whiche vs. and viijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$. more to
make it vp to xiijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$., the parishe gave to the said
Richard in respect of his age and pouertie.

Item gyven also to Walter Heywood towards his charges in
comyng from London to be our clarke vjs. viij $\mathcal{d}$.
And so remaynes stocke clere at this accompte all thyngs
discharged xviiij*li*. xiijs. vd. ob.
Whereof delyuered to the guardyanes of newe xxs. a pece,
videlicet xls.
And so remaynes clere in the custodie of Roger Follyott
xvj*li*. xviijs. vd. ob.

Item for Ryngyng apon the Quene's holy daye	ijs.
Item for glasyng the churche	ijs. vjd.
87. Item to George Lye for removyng Mrs. Bullynham's seate at the curate's apevyutom [?]	viijd.
Item gyven to mother Lye, bie vjd. the weke, begynnyng the xix th of Januarie to the xx th of June, videlicet xiiij weekes	xjs. vjd.
Item gyven to Mother Woodfall at tymes when she was sicke as aperithe bie his bill	ijs. iiijd.
Item payd for light in the churche at Christemas	ijd.
Item for iij quarters of borde to flore the seates in the churche	iijs.
Item for sylles to lye under them	xijd.
Item to a carpenter for a daye and half	xvd.
Item for nayles	iiijd.
Item for washyng the churche lynen	ijs.
Item for mendyng a bell whele	iiijd.
Item for medyng the baldericke of the greate bell	vd.
Item gyven to wydowe Hancoxe and mother Naylor on Good Frydaye	xijd.
Item gyven to iij pore wemen	iijd.
Item payd at Walter Walker's on Easter daye for the drynkyng of the parishioners besides the money they spent	vjs.
Item payd at the openyng of our boxe with the curate	xd.
Item payd to Mr. Slowgh of the cheritie money	xiijs. xjd.
Item gyven to John Pynvyn at tymes in his sickenes	ijs.
87b. Item gyven to wydowe Grafton in her sickenes	xijd.
Summa totalis vli. vijs. vjd.	

And so remaynes to the churche cler all thynges allowed apon
this accompt xviiij*li*. vjs. xd.

At which acompte it is agreed bie the consent of the parish-
ioners that John Bird and William Ford the churchwardens
shall have apon good suerties to be bound to Roger Follyott
and John Bland for the redelyureye thereof xij*li*., videlicet vj*li*.
a pece.

Item there is order taken for xxs. parte of the former some of
xviiij*li*. vjs. xd. that was lent to Richard Jackeson our clarke
to have gyven hym thereof vjs. viij*li*., and the reste to be re-

Out of which sune he is allowed vppon this accompt as
apperethe by his bill xlixs. xd. ob.

Soe that there remainethe due to the Churche vj*li*. xs. iiij*d*. ob.

At the same daie and yeare Nicholas Phillips another of the
Churche Wardens gaue vpp his accompte in which accompt
his receipts comethe to vij*li*. vjs. xd.

Oute of whiche accompt he was allowed xxxiiij*s*. soe that
there remainethe clere of his accompt due to the Churche
vi*li*. xijs. xd.

Alsoe there remains clere in the bagge restinge in the chest
in the churche iiij*li*.

[Some odd shillings and pence appear to have been erased with later ink.]

Summa totalis xvj*li*. iijs. ob.

The same daie and yeare there are chosen churche wardens
againie William Foorde and Nicholas Phillipps.

The same day there are appointed collectors for the whole
yeare John Leonard and Simon Johnes.

[1586.] Memorandum the xviiij daye of September there was lent
to Thomas Flecher the some of xxxs. apou a gilte salte
with a cover for a monethe's space.

Memorandum the xxiiij day of December the savlt was takene
forthe of the cheste and there was paye[d] xxs. in money
and two spones put in for xs.

[These two entrie have been crossed out by a single penstroke each and "payd"
written twice over in the margin.]

89. [1587.] Memorandum the ij^{de} daye of July there is lend
to Richard Jones alias Gyles ~~xxxxs.~~, to be repayd apou
a obligation at Mydsomer next.

Memorandum the xxixth daye of October 1587 there is lent
to Symon Jones Twthe Drawer xxs., to be repayd apou
a obligacion at the feaste of the annunciation next coming,
which obligacion remaynithe in the hands of Roger Follyott.

The accompte of Nicolas Philipps, seconde July, 1587.

Receaved of the Churche stocke at his entrey vj*li*.

Receved of Mr. Salweye's rent liijs. iiij*d*.

Received of D. Patrick's rent xxvjs. viij*d*.

Receved at Eastur for hoselyng wyne xxijs. v*d*.

Summa x*li*. xvijs. v*d*.

89 ^l . Ther is lent to Richard Alen apon suerties	xxs.
Item there is lent to Richard Jones	xxxs.
Item there is lent to Symon Jones	xxs.
And the reste to the cheste.	

Whiche seid Walter Walker delyuered in apon this accompte *vj*li.
whiche he had in his custodie at his election to the office. And
hathe the same *vj*li. agayne vntyll the next accompt.
Item he payd the some of *vs.* whiche Henrie Staunton of

Whityng[ton] hathe gyven to the pore of this parishe, whiche was delyuered privately to the pore as folowithe

to Gregorie Hart	ijs.
to Richard Jackson	xij <i>d</i> .
to mother Woodfall	vj <i>d</i> .
to father Nayler	vj <i>d</i> .
to mother Shawe	vj <i>d</i> .
to a boye called Woodfall	vj <i>d</i> .

91. [1589.] The accompte of Walter Walker on of the church guardyanes of this parishe of St. Mighell made the vj daye of July 1589.

The seid Walter Walker delyuerethe his money that he had of the church stocke, videlicet vj*l*., and askithe allowance of xxvijs., for trymyng and makyng of Seats in the church, of whiche xxxiijs. he is content to take but xijs. and to gyve vnto the rest, whiche xijs. is payd vnto hym apon this accompte.

91*b*.

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92. The accompte uf Richard Chelmarshe on of the church guardyanes of this parishe of St. Mighell made and yelded vp the vj daye of July 1589.

The seid Richard dothe accompte that he receaued of the parishe at his enteryng to the seid office vj*l*.

Item more for halfe yere's rent from Thomas Salwey due at Mighelmas xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item on other halfe yere's rent of hym due at our ladie daye xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item of Doctor Patricke for on hole yere endyng at our ladie daye for the house he dwellethe in xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item for cheritie money at Easter xs. iij*d*.

Item of John Locke for his seate and his wiffe xij*d*.

Item of Mr. Crompton and his wiff xij*d*.

Item of John Horward and his wiffe xij*d*.

Item of Mr. Hickmanes and his wiffe xij*d*.

Item of John Walker and his wiffe vj*d*.

Item of July Bradshawe for her seate xvij*d*.

Summa x*l*i. xvjs. iij*d*.

Whereof he hathe leyd forthe in almes and other necessarie charges as aperithe by his bill iij*l*. vjs. iij*d*.

And so remaynes clere to the churche *vijli. xs.*, out of whiche *vijli. xs.* was payde to Walter Walker *xij s.*, and gyven to Henry Brevatar *ijs.*, to Jackeson *xij d.*, to father Alen *ijs.*, to Thomas Lee *ijs.*, to John Chester *vj d.*, to the old collectors *vj d.*, And so remaynes *vjli. ix s.*, whiche *vjli. ix s.* remaynes in the handes of the seid Richard Chelmershe. There is of newe chosen Richard Chelmershe and William Elvins, to whom is delyuered *vjli. a pece.*

- 92b. [1590.] Memorandum that the *xvij* daye of Aprell 1590, beinge Good Fryday so called, There was gyven to the pore of this parishe of St. Mighell *xij s.* bie the churche Reves of the same parishe accordyng to the Laste will and testament of Mr. Thomas Hare doctor of phisicke, videlicet

Thomas Lee	<i>xij d.</i>
Richard Alen	<i>xij d.</i>
Richard Jones alias Gyles	<i>xij d.</i>
Widowe Hart	<i>xij d.</i>
Richard Jackeson	<i>xij d.</i>
Widowe Patten	<i>xij d.</i>
Widower Nayler	<i>xij d.</i>
Thomas Bushel	<i>xij d.</i>
Widowe Elkyns	<i>xij d.</i>
Widowe Shawe	<i>xij d.</i>
Henry Brevitar	<i>xij d.</i>
Christopher Barker	<i>xij d.</i>

93. The Accompte of Richard Chelmarshe on of the churche guardyanes made the *v* daye of July, 1590.

His Receytes.

In primis Receaued for on hole yere's rent of Land at Clyfton	<i>liijs. iiij d.</i>
Item for the rent of Doctor Patrick's house for on hole yere	<i>xxvjs. viij d.</i>
Item for cheritie money collected at Easter of the communicants	<i>viijs. ij d.</i>
Item receaued of the churche	<i>vjli.</i>
Item more remaynyng apon his last accompte	<i>ixs.</i>

Item of Mr. Morgan for his seate xijd.
 Item receaved of the communicants on Whit Sunday iijd.
Summa xli. xviijs. vd.

His payments.

Item gyven to Thomas Muckelow, an old parishenor, at tymes
 in almes as aperithe bie particulers xiijs. vjd.
 Item gyven to mother Woodfall at tymes xviijs.
 Item gyven to mother Nayler at tymes viijs. iiijd.
 Item given to widow Hart at tymes xviijd.
 Item payd for communion wyne at tymes viijs. ob.
 Item for Witson farthings vd.
 93*b*. for a bell ropp xijd.
 for a servys booke vs.
 for Ryngyng on the Quene's daye ijs.
 to Edward Carpenter for mendyng the clark's house xvj*d*.
 for glasyng the churche xd.
 gyven to John Wall xijd.
 to Henry Alen for tylyng the churche viijs. vjd.
 to Jackeson for washyng the churche Lynen ijs.
 Item payd to xij pore men of this parishe xij*d*. a pece apon
 Good Frydaye accordyng to Doctor Hare's last will and
 testament xijs.
 Item my expenses at the partyng of the cherity money ijs.
 Item for entryng Mr. Picher for the tothe drawer's dett iiijd.
 For a declaracion vj*d*.
 For a capias xvj*d*.
 For Coterell's yeldyng to the dett iiijd.
 For Judgement iiijd.
 Item payd to the curate the vj of July for his pension xiijs. iiijd.
 Item gyven to Henry Brevytar iijs. iiijd.
Summa vli. iijs. iiijd. ob.

And so thus allowed there remaynithe to the churche clere
 v*li*. xiijs. ob. payd and discharged.

94. The accompte of William Elvyns made the same daye.

The seid William Elvyns receaved at his comyng to the office
 vj*li*., whiche vj*li*. he hathe delyuered apon this accompte.
 Receaved more by Roger Follyott videlicet for the dett of
 Symon Jones xxs.

Item for the dett of Richard Jones alias Gyles, the rest pardoned xxs.

Whiche somes are payd and reckened for apon this accompte.

Whereof gyven to the pore at this accompte, videlicet

to the parishe clarke	xij <i>d.</i>
to Ryver's wiffe	vj <i>d.</i>
to Mother Shawe	vj <i>d.</i>
to Mother Nayler	vj <i>d.</i>
to wydowe Hart	vj <i>d.</i>
to widowe Elkyns	vj <i>d.</i>
to Bushell	ij <i>d.</i>
to Lewes	ij <i>d.</i>

Memorandum that William Elvynes and Robert Caryngton are of newe chosen guardyanes for the yere to come, to whom is delyuered xij*li.*, videlicet vj*li.* apece. And the rest beyng xxxiiij*s.* is iiij*s.* in almes and xxx*s.* to the cheste. And so remaynethe in the cheste ij*li.* iiij*s.* vj*d.*, in the presence of Walter Walker, William Elvyns, and me Roger Follyott.

94*b.* [1591.] Whereas controversie hath benne between the parishioners of St. Michael's in Bedwardine neare the City of Worcester and Roger Folyat, one of the same parishe, for certaine sommes of money supposed to be due vnto the sayd parishe by the sayd Roger, especyully for certaine Arrerages of a yearlye pension payd by the Church of Worcester vnto the sayd Roger Folyott for the vse of the parson of the sayd church, which should have beenne payd by the sayd Roger accordingly, and in some part was not. Now for the appeasing of all striffs, controversies and debates between the sayd parties, and vpon submission of both parties made vnto Mr. Deane of Worcester y^t now is, It is by him ordered and concluded with the consents of all parties, that the sayd Roger shall presently pay the some of fiftie shillings vnto the hands of the churchwardens for the time being to the vse of the sayd parish in full satisfaction and paiment of all the Arrerages of the sayd yearly pension and all other demands, debts, dueties, summes of money, actions, quarrells, debates, iudgements, executions, or molestations whatsoever which the sayd parishioners maye or might move stirre,

or pretende, aime, way, or recover against the sayd Roger Folyat, his heyres, Executors, Administrators, or Assignes, from the beginnunge of the world vnto this present day, being the vijth of Aprill in the yeare of the Reign of our soveraigne Lady Queen Elizabeth the xxxijth 1591. Which some of ls. we the said Churchwardens have receaved accordingly which we testeffy by subscribing our names. And of that ls., with the consent of all parties, we gaue and delivered xs. to Phillip Gardner of the foresayd parishe in regard of his paines and chardges in procuring a commission concerning this matter so osibred [?] [in another hand with other ink] by Mr. Deane.

Fran. Willis, Deane.

Wilems Elvyns' **M** marke, on of the church wardens above named; Robt. Carington, churchwarden also.

[Previously to this award the entries in the book had been made nearly entirely by Roger Follyot. His handwriting does not appear again.]

95. [1591.] The accompt of William Elvyns on of the Church Guardians made the sixt daye of July 1591.

At whiche tyme the said William Elvyns did deliuer in his vjth. whiche was the last yere deliuered to his Custodie.

The accompt of Robert Carrington the other church warden made the said vjth daye of July 1591.

The said Robert Carrington doth accompt that he receaved of the parishe at his entrynge to the said office vjth.

Item more of widowe Salwaye for halfe yere's rent due at Michaelmas last past to the parishe xxvj^s. viij^d.

Item on other halfe yere's rent of his due at our ladie daye xxvj^s. viij^d.

Item receaved of Mr. Edward Archepoll for halfe yere's rent of Doctor Patricke's howse due at Michaelmas last xiijs. iij^d.

Item on other halfe yere's rent of him due at our ladie daye xiijs. iij^d.

Item Receaved of Mr. Folyott the xixth daye of Aprill, vpon agreement betwixt the parishe and him whiche was due to the parishe xls.

Item receaved of Chadbourne of Whittington due to the parishe
for certeyne money remayninge in his handes by the gyfte
of Henry Staunton latly deceased vs.

Item for Cheritie money at Easter viijs. vjd.

Summa xij*li*. viijs. vjd.

His Payements.

Inprimis payd to Mother Naylor after viij*d*. the weecke from
the xth daye of July vnto the xxvijth daye of Marche
xxxviij weeces xxvs. iiij*d*.

Item payd to Mr. Fysher, Curate, the xvth daye of July for
his pension xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item payd to the good wyffe Chester for mendinge the minister's
surples vd.

Item payd to Euthlake Follyott for A petition made to Mr.
Deane and chapiter about Mr. Chaunce's howse iij*d*.

Item payd for communion wyne at tymes xiijs. xd.

Item payd to Edward Carpenter for mendinge a bell whele
the vth daye of Nouember ijs. viij*d*.

95*b*. Item gyven to John Sherman the ixth of Nouember by consent
to bringe him to London ijs.

Item payd to Edward Carpenter for a forme and a tripytt xij*d*.

Item for rynginge on the Quene's daye ijs.

Item payd for mendinge a ballerige for on of the belles iij*d*.

Item gyven to the poore at three seuerall tymes xijs. iiij*d*.

Item gyven to Twelve poore folkes vppon Good Frydaye
accordinge to Doctor Hare's last will and Testament xijs.

Item payd to Richard Jackson's wyfe for weshing the church
Lynen ijs.

Item gyven to the wydowe Harte the first daye of Maye when
she was sicke xij*d*.

Item for a bell Rope for one of the belles xiiij*d*.

Summa iiij*li*. ix*s*. vij*d*.

And so this allowed there Remayneth to the Churche clere
from him the said Robert Carrington viij*li*. iijs. xjd. payd
and discharged. And William Elvyns vj*li*. which he de-
liuered in and iij*li*. iijs. vjd. found in the Cheste and xix*d*.
from the collectors, all whiche maketh in the whole the Some
of xvij*li*. xs.

- Item Receaued of Mr. Salwey[s] widowe halfe yere's Rent
due vnto the parishe at the feast of St. Michael tharch-
angell xxvjs. viij*d*.
- Item Receaued of Mr. Edward Archepoll halfe ayere's Rent due
at the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell for the house
where in Doctor Patricke did dwell xiijs. iiij*d*.
- Item Receaued more of Mistres Salwey for halfe ayere's rent
due at the feaste of thannunciation of our ladie xxvjs. viij*d*.
- Item Receaued of Mr. Shipley halfe ayere's rent due for the
house which Doctor Patrick did dwell in at the feast of
thannunciation xiijs. iiij*d*.
- Item Receaued of Chadbourne of Whittenton due to the paryshe
for certeyne money remaynyng in his handes by the gyfte
of Henry Stanton lately deceased vs.
- Item Receaued for Charitie money at Easter xiijs. iiij*d*.
- Item Receaued of Edward Symons alias Page for hys owne
seate and his wyve's xij*d*.
- Summa xli. xiijs. iiij*d*.

His Payementes.

- Imprimis gyven to Richard Jackson by Consent the 8th of
July xij*d*.
- Item payd for a pynte of muskadine for the communion the
xjth of July vij*d*.
- Item for Akey for a coffer in the churche the xviiith of July
ij*d*. ob.
- Item for halfe a pynte of muskadine for the communion the
15 of August iiij*d*. ob.
- Item for a buckle and the mendinge of a balerug the 17 of
August xij*d*.
- Item layd out at the visitation for our Dyner and other charges
iijs. iiij*d*.
- Item another daye when we presented viij*d*.
- Item for the makinge and exhibitinge our bill xviiij*d*.
- Item for scouring the harn[e]sse belonge to the churche the
vj daye of Nouember to Richard Jackson ijs.
- Item for two Ropes for the Belles xx*d*.
- Item gyven for Ringeing on the Queene's holy daye ijs.
- Item payd for a quarte of muskadine for the communion vppon
Sainte Stephen's daye xiiij*d*.

97. Item gyven to Hugh Hollynehead and his wife beinge bothe sicke the 28 daye of December xijd.
 Item gyven to Lewes Apprice beinge sicke the 10th of Marche vjd.
 Item gyven to Lewes Apprice the 20 of Marche vjd.
 Item gyven to Twelve poore people vppon Good Frydaye accordinge to Doctor Hare's last will and testament xijs.
 Item for muskadyne for the communion vppon Palme Sondaye and vppon Easter eve ijs. iiijd.
 Item for iij quartes vppon Easter daye iijs. vjd.
 Item for a quarte vppon Low Sondaye xiiijd.
 Item payd to Richard Jackson's wife for washinge the communion clothes ijs.
 Item spent when we bracke vp the boxe at Nicholas Phillips' iijs. iiijd.
 Item for mendynge of a balerige before Easter viijd.
 Item gyven to Richard Gyles' wyfe beinge sicke viijd.
 Item payd to Edward the Carpenter for tymber bordes and planckes to make iij seates in the quyer vs. xd.
 Item for ij men ij dayes and on man one daye to make the same Seates iijs. ijd.
 Item for nayles and hynges xxd. ob.
 Item payd to Thomas Onyon for vj turned bosses vjd.
 Item gyven to Richard Jackson the 28 of June his wife and daughter beinge sicke xijd.
 Item for ij pyntes of wyne for ij communions since Lowe Sondaye xiiijd.

Summa totallis iij*li*. ijd. ob.

Memorandum that the xxiiijth daye of Marche 1592, beinge Good Frydaye so called, there was gyven to poore of this paryshe of St. Michaell xijs. by the churche Reves of the same parishe according to the last will and testament of Mr. Thomas Hare, Doctor of Phisick, videlicet xijs.

Richard Allen	xijd.	Wydowe Elkyns	xijd.
Thomas Ley	xijd.	Wydow Shawe	xijd.
Widowe Harte	xijd.	Henry Breviter	xijd.
John Sysemore	xijd.	Lewis Apprice	xijd.
Richard Jacksons	xijd.	John Chester	xijd.
Widowe Patten	xijd.	Richard Gyles	xijd.

97*b*. And so the foresayd payementes allowed there remaynethe clerely to the churche and parishe from him the said Robert Carrington vij*li*. xiiij*s*. jd. ob., which said Somme of 7*li*. 14*s*. 1*d*. ob. was the said Sixt of daye of July 1592 payd and delyuered vpp in Readie money to the whole paryshe at his said accompt, and the jd. ob. gyven backe by consent of the paryshenors.

At whiche said tyme Thomas Mynshewe the other churche warden did paye and delyuer vpp in readie money vij*li*. whiche was the last yeare delyuered into his custodie.

The same daye and yeare Walter Walker payd and deliuered fyve pounce tenne shillings which was deliuered into his custodie in the behalfe of the parishe the last yeare.

So that there Remaynethe clyer to the churche in the Whole in ready money xix*li*. iiij*s*.

Memorandum that Thomas Mynshew and Morrys Davys are of new chosen churche wardens for this yeare to come, vnto whom ys deliuered xij*li*., videlicet, vij*li*. apeece.

Memorandum the same daye there was chosen Collectors for the pore John Fydo and John Ockeley for this yere followinge vnto whom was deliuered by Mr. Nicholas Archepolle and Mr. Crompton the olde collectors of their collection on readie money to distribute vj*s*.

Memorandum there was deliuered by the consent of the paryshenors the ixth daye of July 1592 into the custodie of Mr. Nicholas Archepoll vpon trust reposed in him, to the vse and in the behalf of the churche and paryshe, the some of vij*li*. vppon his bond to be payd at the next accompt daye. And the Rest which is iiij*s*. Remaynethe in the cheste.

Memorandum that Richard Allen owethe vnto the churche xxs. as apearethe by his bond bearinge date the xxvth daye of June Anno Regni Reginæ Elizabethæ xxviij.

Memorandum that Robert Chadbourne of Whittenton dothe owe vnto the parishe and church fyftie shillings which was gyven vnto the parishe by Henry Stanton thelder of Whittenton nere the citie of Worcester deceassed, without bill or bonde.

98. [1593.] The accompt of Thomas Mynshewe, one of the churchwardens, made the vjth daye of July 1593.

His Receytes.

Inprimis Receaued at the last accompt, being the Sixt day of July 1592 of the parishe money	vj <i>li</i> .
Receaued of wydowe Salwaye halfe yere's Rent due vnto the parishe at the feast of St. Mychaell tharchangell	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Receaued of Mr. Shippsey halfe yere's Rent of the house wherein he dwellethe, due vnto the parish at the feast of St. Mychaell	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Receaued of wydowe Salwey halfe yere's Rent due at the feast of the Annunciation of our ladie	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Receaued of Mr. Shippsey halfe yere's Rent due at the feast of the Annunciation of our ladie	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
Receaued of Chadbourne of Whittenton due to the paryshe the interest of fytie shillings whiche was gyven to the parishe by the last will and testament of Henry Stanton latly deceased	vs.
Receaued for Charitie money at Easter	iijs. v <i>d</i> . ob.
Receaued for Seate money of John Richards et vxor	xij <i>d</i> .
Receaued of John Symons for his seate	v <i>d</i> .
Receaued of Phillip Gardener for his seate	v <i>d</i> .
Receaued of Robert Alcocke for him and his wyf	viiij <i>d</i> .
Receaued of Thomas Onyon for his seate	v <i>d</i> .
Receaued of William Elvynes for his seate	v <i>d</i> .

Summa x*li*. xijs. ij*d*. ob.

His payementes.

Imprimis gyven to Richard Jackson the ix th of July 1592	xij <i>d</i> .
Item gyven to Richard Jackson the x th of July	iijs.
Item payd for our dynner at the visitacion	vs.
Item payd for a bell rope the xix th of August	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item geven at Mr. Deane's request to wydowe Stanton the xxiiij th of August	vs.
Item payd Georg Shewesmithe the vj th of October for mendinge the glasse wyndowes in the church	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payd to John Wood the xv th of Nouember for two bell Ropes	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .

Item payd the same daye to Thomas Onyon for mending a bell wheele	ijd.
Item gyven to Richard Jackson for Ringeinge the xvij th daye of Nouember beinge the Queene's holy daye	ijs.
98b. Item for mending the churche walle the same daye	ijd.
Item payd for waxe candles for the minister	iiijd.
Item gyven to wydowe Shawe the Saturdaye after the Queene's holy daye	vjd.
Item payd for wyne the first Mondaye in the Newe yere	xviijd.
Item payd for wyne that was geven Mr. D. Lewes	xijd.
Item payd to Mr. Wright for the makinge a petision to the Deane and chapiter	xijd.
Item gyven to John Sherman's wife at her lyinge in	iiijd.
Item gyven to the wydowe Elkyns in her sicknes	vjd.
Item gyven more to wydowe Elkyns the 18 day of February	xijd.
Item gyven the same daye to John Sharman's wyfe	vjd.
Item payd to John Awood the xiiij th daye of Marche for a bell rope	xvjd.
Item geven Sherman's wife the xviiiij th of Marche	vjd.
Item the same daye geven Thomas Lea	vjd.
Item geven to Came the same daye	xijd.
Item geven to Came the vj th of Aprill	vjd.
Item payd for wyne the first of Aprell	iiijd. ob.
Item payd for wyne the viij th of Apriell	ijs.
Item payd for wyne the xij th daye of Apriell	vjd.
Item geven to Astmore's Sonne	ijd.
Item gyven the xij th of Aprell to xij poore people according to Doctor Hare's will	xiijs.
Item for wyne the xiiij th of Aprell	xijd.
Item for wyne the xv th of Aprell	iiijs.
Item geven to Thomas Lea the xvij th of Aprell	vjd.
Item payd to Frauncis Downinge for mendinge the Seats	xd.
Item payd for wyne the xxij th of Aprell	xijd.
Item for mendinge a Balereeke	iiijd.
Item payd for a newe Surples for the minister	xiijs.
Item payd the x th of Maye to Richard Jackson for washinge	ijs.
Item laid out at the breakenge vpp of the boxe	vs. iiijd.

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procces agaynst Mr. Deane and	vjd.
procces	xviij d.
for counsell	ij d.
complaynte	vjd.
and	xij d.
into the signett	iiij d.
the bill	xd.
charges	ijs.
proccesses at Hereford vpon D. Thorneton	iiij d.
waytinge to serve Mr. Chaunce	xviij d.
the vijth of June for laying downe	xvjd.
Mr. Deane	xd.
the copie of the bill of complaynt agaynst the	xd.
chapter	vs.
at the meetinge of the Deane and chapter at	vs.
Mr. Davys for counsell	ijs.
for the counsell	iiij s.
Thomas	iiij s.
procces against Mr. Deane and Mr. Chaunce	iiij d.
travelinge to Bewdley vpon my selfe and Phillipp	xd.
at dynner at Bewdley vpon my self, Phillipp Gar-	xiiij d.
and Thomas Crompton	xd.
at supper and bedd vpon my self and Phillipp	xviiij d.
Gardener	xd.
on the morrowe vpon my self, Thomas Crompton	xd.
and Phillipp Gardener at dynner	xviiij d.
at supper vpon myself, Thomas Crompton and	xd.
Phillipp Gardener	xd.
spent over and aboue meales vpon vs three	iiij d.
charges of Thomas Crompton for on daye and two nightes	vjd.
as followethe	vjd.
Vpon the xxth daye of June spent at Ambersley	jd.
Item dynner at Bewdley	
Item supper	
Item bedd	

Item supper the xxj th daye	vjd.
Item bedd	jd.
Item his expenses over and aboue meales	vjd.
Item payd for wyne the x th daye of June, 1593	vjd.
Item to George Shewesmithe the iiij th of July 1593 for mend- inge the churche wyndowes	xvjd.

Summa totallis vii. xvs. vjd. ob.

Memorandum that the xiiijth day of Aprell being Good Frydaye there was geven to the poore of this parishe of St. Michael's xijs. [13s. in the foregoing accounts] by the churche Reeves of the same parishe according to the last will and testament of Mr. Thomas Hare, Doctor of phisicke, videlicet

1. Thomas Lea	7. John Sysemore
2. Widowe Hart	8. Anne Cope
3. John Sherman	9. Christopher Barker
4. Henry Breviter	10. Thomas Tanner
5. Widowe Shawe	11. Widowe Patten
6. Widowe Elkyngs	12. Edmund Hall

99b. And so the foresaid payements allowed, there remayneth clerely to the churche and parishe from him the said Thomas Mynshewe iiij*li*. xvjs. viij*li*., whiche foresaid accompt by the consent of the parishenors was holden the ixth daye of July 1593. And then and there the said Summe of iiij*li*. xvjs. viij*li*. was payd and delyuered vp in readie money to the whole parishe at his said accompt.

At which said tyme Morrys Davys the other Churche warden did paye and delyuer vp in reddie money vi*li*., which was last yere delyuered into his custodie.

The same daye and yere Mr. Nicholas Archebold payd and delyuered vi*li*. which was delyuered into his custodie in the behalf of the parishe the last yere; and there was also delyuered iiij*li*s. which should the last yere haue byne put into the chest.

Memorandum at this foresaid accompt there was xxs. gyven vnto William Ford, which xxs. was parte of the vi*li*. that Mr. Nicholas Archebold payd and delyuered.

Memorandum that John Bird and Thomas Crompton are of

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newe chosen church wardens for this yere to come, vnto whom is delyuered xij*li.*, videlicet vj*li.* apeece.

Memorandum the xvth daye of July 1593 there was chosen Collectors for the poore Frauncis Downynge and John Locke for this yere followinge. And there was the same tyme delyuered vnto the parisenors by the old collectors iij*s.* ij*d.*, whereof the same tyme was gyven to a poore man sick in the parishe vj*d.*

Memorandum there is delyuered the said xvth daye of July 1593, by the consent of the parisenors into the custodie of Mr. John Bland, vpon truste reposed in him to the vse and in the behalfe of the church and parishe aforesaid, the Summe of vj*li.* iij*s.* iiij*d.*, vppon his bond to be repayd at the next accompt daye.

So there Remayneth clere to the church at this tyme in Redie money the whole summe of xvij*li.* iij*s.* iiij*d.*

More over Richard Allen owethe vnto the church xx*s.* as apereth by his bond bearinge date the xxvjth daye of June Anno Regni Reginae Elizabethæ, etc., xxvij^o.

Also Robert Chadborne of Whittenton dothe owe vnto the parishe and church Fyftie shillings which was gyven vnto the parishe by Henry Stanton of the same village deceased.

100. [1594.] The Accompt of John Bird, one of the Church wardens of the parishe of St. Michael in Bedwardyne made vnto the parisenors then the xxijth daye of July 1594 as followeth.

His Receytes.

In primis Reccaed of the parishe at my entryng into the said office the Summe of vj*li.*

Item Reccaed of the widowe Salwey for halfe yere's rent due to the parishe at the feast of St. Michael 1593 xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

Item reccaed of Mr. Shipsey for halfe yere's rent of his house due at the said feast xiiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item Reccaed of the widowe Salwey halfe yere's rent due at the feast of the Annunciation last past xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

Item Reccaed of Mr. Shipsey for halfe yere's rent due at the same tyme xiiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item Receaued of Mr. Archebold for half a hundred of tyles	viijs. <i>xd.</i>
Item receaued in Charitye money	viijs. <i>xd.</i>
Item Receaued one yere's Rent of John Ballarde's house payd by Mr. Chaunce due vpon Good Frydaye last past, accord- inge to Doctor Hare's last will and testament	xiiijs.
Item receaued the money gyven to our parishe by Henry Stanton of Whittington deceased, videlicet	vs.
Item Receaued of Richard Gardener of Hymbleton gent., of his owne free gyfte to be distributed emongest of our said parishe at the feaste of Christmas last	xs.
Item Receaued of Mr. Nicholas Archebold for his seate	xijd.
Item Receaued of Mr. Fysher for his wyfe's seate	xijd.
Summa totallis xij <i>li.</i> vjd.	

100*l.* His payements.

Imprimis gyven the xv th daye of July 1593 towards the buryall of Richard Staple.	
Item payd to Richard Jacksons the xviii th daye of July 1593 for Ryngeing at the comynge of my L[ord] Bushopp	vjd.
Item payd for the booke of Articles at the bushopp's visitacion	vjd.
Item for the dynner of the sixe men the same tyme	iiijs. vjd.
Item for the byll of presentment	viijs.
For exhibiting the same	vijs.
Item payd to Apparitor for his fees	ij <i>l.</i>
Item payd the v th daye of August to Francis Dwenyng for mendinge the bell wheele	ij <i>l.</i>
Item payd the xxv th daye of September for wyne for the communion	xviijs.
Item gyven the same daye to the good wife Wilkynson	vjd.
Item gyven the xxv th daye of September to Symon Jones	ij <i>l.</i>
Item gyven the same daye to the good wife Th. Jones	ij <i>l.</i>
Item gyven the xxv th daye of September to Symon Jones	ij <i>l.</i>
Item gyven the same daye to the good wife Th. Jones	vjd.
Item payd the xv th daye of October 1593 Mr. Fysher the minister accordinge with an agreement at the assize	xs.
Item payd for a Butell of wyne that was carryed into the church at Seawestwicke	x <i>ss.</i>

Item gyven to Flytt over and above the money that I receaved	
for the exchange w th the Tresauror	vs. vjd.
Item payd to I. Rymyll the constable to give to Flytt	ijs. vjd.
Item payd to Richard Lambie for to hyer weemen to searche	
for the same	xijd.
Item payd for Ringgum upon the Queene's holy daye	ijs.
Item payd for a bell for the same	xvjd.
Item payd to Richard Lambie for Flytt's buriall	vjd.
Item payd to Mr. Rymyll for drawing a lease concerning the	
house that John Ballarde nowe dwell in	vs.
Item payd for wyne for the communion the last daye of	
February	vd.
Item payd to George Trumpe the Carpenter for iiij days' worke	
in making and altering the pulpit	iijs.
Item for timber the same tyme	ijs.
Item payd for hynges and nages for the pulpit	xiijd.
Item payd for a plank for the pulpit unto Richard Jacksons	
	vijd.
Item payd to Richard Jacksons for helping the Carpenter	xijd.
Item payd for payneting of the pulpit	ijs. vjd.
Item payd to Richard Lambie for a booke of prayer for the	
Queene's majestie the xxv th daye of Marche	vd.
Item payd the xliij th daye of Marche for wyne for the com-	
munion	vjd.
Item the xxvij th of Marche for wyne	ijs.
Item the xxv th of Marche for wyne	vijd.
Item the xxviij th of Marche for wyne	ijd.
Item the xxxiij th daye of Marche for wyne	vjd.
Item the xxxij th daye of Marche for wyne	iijs.
Item gyven the second daye of Apreli by the consent of the	
parishioners unto John Ocker	vs. iiijd.
Item payd unto the handes of Mr. Deane for Mr. Cyrell for	
makinge a Release concerninge Ballarde's house	xs.
Item payd the vij th daye of Aprell for mendinge the glasse	
wynedowes	iijs. iiijd.
Item payd the vij th of Aprell for wyne for y ^e communion	xviijd.
Item payd the viij th daye of Aprell unto Stephen Rymyll the	
money which was the same weecke gyven to the houses	
infected within our parishe videlicet	ijs. viijd.

- Item paid to the houses infected the xvth day of Aprell ijs. viij*d*.
 Item paid to Ryemyll the xxjth daye of Aprell for the houses infected ijs. viij*d*.
 Item for wyne vpon Trinitie Sondaye xij*d*.
 Item paid the pytteman for mending the beare ij*d*.
 Item paid the xxvijth of Aprill for the houses infected ijs. viij*d*.
 Item paid the xxjth of Aprell for wyne iiij*d*.
 Item paid to Ryemyll for mendinge of the leade of the churche the xxvijth daye of Aprell vs.
 Item gyven to Edmund Hall the last of Aprell xxx*d*.
 Item gyven to Edmund Hall the iiijth of Maye vj*d*.
 Item payd the xijth of Maye to the houses infected for two weeckes vs. iiij*d*.
 Item gyven to Edmund Hall the xxth of Maye iiij*d*.
 Item spent the xxijth of Maye at the breakinge vpp of the boxe vs. ij*d*.
 101*b*. Item payd the secound of June 1594 to Robert Alcox for attending vpon the houses infected vjs. jd.
 Item payd the same daye to the widowe Gaye for parte of her wages vnpayd for tending Pavye's house xxx*d*.
 Item payd the xjth daye of June for a ballerige for on of the belles vj*d*.
 Item payd for the workeman's wages and his man's for Sixteene dayes at xvij*d*. the daye for tylinge and whytinge the churche xxiijs.
 Item for v hundred of tyles and the Carriage vijs. iiij*d*.
 Item for iij barrells of lyme and the carriage ijs. vij*d*.
 Item for on loade of sande xij*d*.
 Item for a bundell of lathe and a hundred of lathe nayles vij*d*.
 Item for halfe a stricke of beare ij*d*.
 Item for one Crest jd.
 Item for beesoomes jd.
 Item payd to John Symons for two Claspes of Iron xiiij*d*. ob.
 Item payd for washeing the lynen and mendinge the surplesse ijs.
 Item payd vnto Doctor Lewis, Receauor of the Cathedrall churche of Worcester, for costs allowed to the Deane and Chapiter by her Majestie's Counsell in the marches of Wales, for suite in lawe there commenced by the parishesors xxx*s*.
 Item payd to the Paynetors for paynetinge of the churche xs.

Item payd vnto the Joyner for a new seate and for mending of
other seates in the churche ix*s*.
Item payd to xij poore people vpon Good Frydaye last past as
appeareth by a particuler noate thereof xi*s*.
Item xij*d*. more beinge parte of the overplus of the foresaid
house rent was distributed the same daye emongest some
other of the poore within the said parish. And xij*d*. being
the resydue of the rent Receaued for the said house the
sayd two churche wardens Crave for allowance to them-
selves according to Doctor Hare's last will and testament i*s*.
Item more gyven the xxvth of Marche last the some of fyve
shillings vnto the poore of our parishe of the money gyven
by Henry Stanton of Whittington vs.
Item gyven at Christmas last emongest the poore of our
parishe, being money gyven by Mr. Gardner of Hymbleton
to that vse xs.

Summa totallis xj*li*. ix*s*. viij*d*. ob.

102. And so the foresaid payementes allowed there remayneth
clerely to the churche and parishe from him the said John
Bird xs. xd. ob. payd and discharged.
At whiche time Thomas Crompton the other churche warden
did paye and delyuer vpp in readie money vj*li*. which was
last yere delyuered into his custodie.
The same daye and yere Mr. John Bland payd and delyuered
vj*li*. ii*s*. iiij*d*. which was deliuered into his Custodie in the
behalfe of the parishe the last yere at the last accompt.
Memorandum at this foresaid accompt there was xx*s*. forgyven
and remitted vnto Richard Allen which he did owe and was
indebted vnto the churche, which thinge was consented vnto
by all the parisenors then present.
Memorandum the same tyme John Locke, for himself and
Fraunces Doweing the Collectors, made their accompt and
delyuered there in readye money vnto the vse of the parishe
i*s*. jd.
Money remayning then cleare to the church was xj*li*. xv*s*. iiij*d*.
Whereof distributed to the poore at the same tyme v*s*. iiij*d*.
So there remayneth now cleare to the churche and parishe in
readie money the some of xj*li*. xs.

There are of newe Chosen and ellected Church wardens for this yere to come Thomas Crompton and Mr. Nicholas Archebold, vnto whom the said some of xj*li*. xs. ys delyuered.

There are also Chosen collectors for the poore Nicholas Phillipp and Thomas Onyon.

102*b*. Memorandum that the xxixth daye of Marche, beinge Good Frydaye, there was gyven and distributed to the poore of this parishe of St. Michaell xijs. by the church Reeves of the same parishe, according to the last will and testament of Mr. Thomas Hare, Doctor of Phisicke, videlicet,

Thomas Lea	xij <i>d</i> .	William Ford	xij <i>d</i> .
Richard Allen	xij <i>d</i> .	Widowe Gale	xij <i>d</i> .
Widowe Harte	xij <i>d</i> .	John Chester	xij <i>d</i> .
Richard Jackson	xij <i>d</i> .	Symon Jones	xij <i>d</i> .
Widowe Patten	xij <i>d</i> .	Wydowe Elkynes	xij <i>d</i> .
Robert Pavye	xij <i>d</i> .	John Sysemore	xij <i>d</i> .

The names of suche persons which had the vs. which was gyven this yere by Henry Stanton of Whittington deceased distributed emongest them videlicet,

Richard Giles [No sum given]		Widowe Shawe	v <i>d</i> .
Ales Ford	iiij <i>d</i> .	Anne Cope	iiij <i>d</i> .
Henry James	iiij <i>d</i> .	Ales Lye	iiij <i>d</i> .
Arthour Horne	iiij <i>d</i> .	Widowe Came	iiij <i>d</i> .
Thomas Moxon	ij <i>d</i> .	Widow Prychitte	iiij <i>d</i> .
Edmund Halle	v <i>d</i> .	Sybell Jonsons	iiij <i>d</i> .
John Sherman	v <i>d</i> .	Christopher Barker	iiij <i>d</i> .
Henry Brevitor's wife	v <i>d</i> .	Wydowe Smythe	iiij <i>d</i> .

The names of those persons which had the xs. gyven by Mr. Gardener of Hymbleton distributed emongest them as foloweth,

Widowe Patten	v <i>d</i> .	Thomas Mynshewe	iiij <i>d</i> .
Widowe Harte	v <i>d</i> .	Richard Allen	v <i>d</i> .
Widowe Elkynes	v <i>d</i> .	John Chester	v <i>d</i> .
John Sysemore	iiij <i>d</i> .	William Ford	v <i>d</i> .
Richard Giles	iiij <i>d</i> .	Symon Jones	iiij <i>d</i> .
Widowe Gale	iiij <i>d</i> .	Widowe Fleet	iiij <i>d</i> .

Thomas Lea	vjd	John Chamberlyne	iijd.
Widowe Shawe	iijd.	Alles Lye	ijd.
Widowe Cooke	iijd.	Henry James	iiijd.
Brevitor's wife	vjd	Richard Jaeson	vjd.
John Sherman	iijd.	Widowe Prychet	iijd.
Amie Cope	iijd.	Widowe Came	iijd.
Edmond Haile	iijd.	Sybell Jonson	iijd.
Thomas Tanner's house	iijd.	Thomas Moxson	iijd.
Christopher Barker	iijd.		

103. [1594.] xxij die Julij Anno Domini 1594. A noate of suche goodes as apperteyne to the church of St. Mychell in Bedwardyne.

Imprimis a great Englishe Bible
 a Pharaphrase of Erasmus
 an Homely booke
 a Communion booke
 a Psalter booke
 The Queene's Iniunctions
 Eight small prayer bookes
 Two Surplusses
 a Carpett
 a Table Clothe
 a longe old lynen Towell
 Two velvett quisheons
 a Pawle
 a flaggon pynte pott or pewter
 a Silver Cupp with a cover for the communion and a case for it of leather
 Two Register bookes.

- 103^h. [1595.] The Accompt of Thomas Crompton one of the Church wardens of the parishe of St. Michael in Bedwardyne, made vnto the parishenors there the xiiijth daye of July 1595 as ffolloweth.

His Receytes.

Imprimis Receaued of the parishe at his entring into the said office the Summe of vli. xvs.

Item Receaued of widowe Salwaye for halfe yere's Rent due to
the parishe at the feast of St. Michaell last past xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item Receaued of Mr. Shipyde for halfe yere's Rent of his
house due at the said feast vjs. viij*d*.

Somma totallis vij*l*. viijs. iiij*d*.

His Payements.

Inprimis spent the daye of our Choyse	xij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to the goodwife Shawe	v <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to the goodwife Elkynes	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to the widowe Cooke	ij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to the widowe Harte	ij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to Organmaker being syck	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to widowe Ford	v <i>d</i> .
Item for mending the Sancebell	v <i>d</i> .
Item for mending one of the bell wheeles	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payd for two Bell Ropes	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item for mending the balerick of the first bell	ij <i>d</i> .
Item payd for Ryngeing vpon the Queene's hollydaye	ijs.
Item for Cayes to the Chestes	v <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to the widowe Shawe being sick	v <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to Symon Jones' wife beinge sick	v <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to Brevitor's wife being sicke	xviij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen towards her buryall	xij <i>d</i> .
Item payd to Mr. Fisher our minister	xjs.
Item payd for a ballrick for the sancebell	v <i>d</i> .
Item payd for lights for the churche	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item geuen to the widowe Patten	iiij <i>d</i> .

Summa xxvjs. j*d*.

And so the foresaid payements allowed, there remayneth Cleere
to the church and parishe from him the said Thomas Crompton
vj*l*. ijs. iiij*d*., payd and discharged.

104. 14 July 1595. The true playne and perfect Accomte of me
Nicholas Archebold, one of the Churche wardens of the
parishe of St. Michaell's in Bedwardyne nere the Citie of
Worcester in the countie and dioces of Worcester, of all
Recepts, payements and other charges Receaued payd and
disbursed to and for and in behalfe of the said parishe by
me the said Nicholas Archebold, made and geuen vpp in

wryting to the said parishe in the parishe churche there
vpon Mondaye the xiiijth daye of July Anno Domini 1595
as followethe.

The Chardge.

Receipts.

Inprimis the said churchwarden and Accountant
dothe charge him self with the some of fyve poundes
fyfteene shillings d[elivere]d to him by the said
parishe in July 1594 at his entrance into this office,
v*li*. of which this Accountant dothe hereby protest
that he presently lent to parishenors there as nede
required, videlicet, by xxs. a man, tyll this his
accompt, and hath as yet Receaued thereof in paye-
ment againe only iij*li*. thereof. Yet is readie to make
payement of the full somme delivered him furthe of
his own purse according to the trust reposed in him.
And therefore dothe charge himselfe with the said
some of

v*li*. xvs.

Item the Accountant dothe also charge him self with
the some of Twentye sixe shillings eight pence Re-
ceaued of Wydowe Salwaye of Clyfton for one halfe
yere's Rent, due at Thannuntiacion of our ladie last
past, for the parishe lande there lying

xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item he likewise chardgeth him self with the some of
Sixe shillings eight pence Receaued of Mr. George
Shipsey for one half yere's Rent, due at the Annun-
tiation last past for the howse he nowe dwelleth in
scituat within the parishe of St. Peters in Worcester

vjs. viij*d*.

Item the said Accountant dothe charge him self with
fowerteene shillings Receaued by the handes of
John Ocker from Mr. Chaunce due on Passion Son-
daye last past for one whole yere's Rent of the
howse geuen to the parishe in the last will and testa-
ment of Doctor Hare, where John Ballard now
dwellith, in the parishe of St. Helines in Worcester

xlijs.

104*b*. Item he also chardgeth him self with fyve shillings
Receaued of John Brayne of Whittington in Regard
of the last yere's benefitt Accruing to this parishe

in respect of a legacye gyven by the last will and testament of Henry Stanton deceased

vs.

Item with nyne shillinges two pence being the moytie or one halfe of all the money receaued at abouts and since Easter last of the Communicantes for bread and wyne, the other of which this Accountant hath alreadye payd and delyuered to the minister of this churche accordinge to the Auncient custome of the parishe

ixs. ij*d*.

Item he chargeth himself with Seaven shillings nyne pence Receaued of Fowlke Broughton for the old Bible of the churche, and also with Twelve pence which this Accountant before the sale thereof Receaued of one Mr. Morrys a Relator to the counsell in the Marches of Wales in earnest of the said Bible which xij*d*. was forfeited by him for that he fetcht not the booke as he promised, in toto,

viijs. ix*d*.

Item this Accountant chargeth him selfe with Three shillings fower pence Receaued of Mr. Browghton for the old communion booke of the churche

iijs. iiij*d*.

Sum ix*li*. viijs. vij*d*.

105. [1595.] Receaued also for seates and places in seates in the Churche.

Mr. John Bland and his wiffe	ijs.
Mistris Spackman	xij <i>d</i> .
Mistris Dedycott	xij <i>d</i> .
Mr. Richard Hill and his wife	ijs.
Guthlak Folliott and his wife	ijs.
Thomas Onyon and his wife	ijs.
Mrs. Ussherwood	xij <i>d</i> .
Richard Lambe's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
Morrys Davy's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
John Symon's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
William Elvyn's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
Robert Carrington's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
Stephen Rymyll's wife	xij <i>d</i> .
John Locke and his wife	xviiij <i>d</i> .
John Ocker and his wife	xx <i>d</i> .

Walter Drewe and his wife	xviij <i>d</i>
John Gybbes and his wife	xiiij <i>d</i>
John Steevens and his wife	xiiij <i>d</i>
Henry Allen and his wife	xij <i>d</i>
John Awbery and his wife	xij <i>d</i>
Timothee Ford and his wife	xviij <i>d</i>
John Merediethes wyfe	vij <i>d</i>
James Jonson's and his wife	xiiij <i>d</i>
Richard Jackson's wyfe	vij <i>d</i>
William Eger's wife	v <i>d</i>
Phillip Gardner's wife	v <i>d</i>
Richard Davys' wife	v <i>d</i>
Thomas Parker the glover and his wife and his mother	ij <i>s</i> .
Mistris Richard Ford	v <i>d</i>

Summa xxxiijs. viij*d*

Summa totallis xj*li*. iijs. iij*d*

105*b*. Forth of which said totall summe of xj*li*. iijs. iij*d*. Receaued as aforesaid this Accountant hathe payd and disbursed and ys to be allowed theis sommes followeing, videlicet,

The discharge.

Payementes.

Inprimis this Accountant hathe payd and is to be allowed for two shillings payd to Richard Jackson's wyfe for washeinge the Surplusses and churche clothes for this yere last past	ij <i>s</i> .
Item payd for newe byndeing and Amending of the old Communion booke (longe before yt was sold) and the Clerke's psalter	xx <i>d</i>
Item payd for a new fayer Englishe Bible of the last Translation authorised in the churche	xvijs.
Item payd for a newe Large Communion booke for the churche	vijs. iij <i>d</i> .

The distribucion of Dr. Hare's gyfte on Good Frydaye.

Item gyven on Good Fryday last out of the Rent receaued of Ballarde's howse, geven by the last will and testament of Doctor Hare, Twelve shillings to the Twelve poore people of the said parishe fol-

lowing, videlicet, To Thomas Lea *xijd.*, to Richard Allen *xijd.*, to Richard Jackson *xijd.*, John Chester *xijd.*, John Sysemore *xijd.*, John Sherman *xijd.*, widowe Harte *xijd.*, Wydowe Elkynes *xijd.*, wydowe Patten *xijd.*, wydowe Shawe *xijd.*, wydowe Cooke *xijd.*, Wydowe Ford *xijd.*, in toto *xijs.* And *xijd.* more this Accountant craveth as allowed to him and the other church warden accordinge to the last will and testament of the said Doctor Hare

xijs.

Item geven on Whitson Eve last, videlicet 7^o Junij, 1595, to the poore followeinge *ijs. iiijd.*, videlicet to Thomas Lea *iijd.*, to Richard Allen *iiijd.*, wydowe Harte *iiijd.*, widow Patten *iijd.*, wydowe Ford *iijd.*, wydowe Gale *ijd.*, Edmond Hall *ijd.*, John Chester *ijd.*, John Sherman *ijd.*, wydowe Cooke *ijd.*, Symon Jones *ijd.*, wydowe Shawe *iijd.*, wydowe Elkynes *iijd.*, John Sysemore *iijd.*, Richard Gyles *ijd.*, in toto *ijs. iiijd.*, *xijd.* of whereof I accompt to be the over-plus or remenant of the Rent receaued for Doctor Hare's house

ijs. iiijd.

106. Item payd for wyne fetchet at Mr. Walter Walker's this whole yere last past for the church, videlicet, one quarte of muscadell geven to Mr. Thornehill when he preached at our said church 12 Januarij ultimi *xiiijd.*, for a pynte and halfe at the communion abouts all Saintes *xd. ob.*, vth Januarij at the communion one quarte *xiiijd.*, on Passion Sondag *vijd.*, 13^o Aprilis *iiij* pyntes *xxjd.*, 17^o Aprilis one pynte *vijd.*, 19^o Aprilis halfe a pynte *iijob.*, 20^o Aprilis a gallonde *iijs. viijd.*, 27^o Aprilis 3 pyntes *xxjd.*, viij^o Januarii on pynte *vijd.*, in toto, 13s. 5d.

xiijs. vd.

Item payd to Thomas Onyon for 17 yeards and some odd of Waynescott abouts the wemene's fyve seates on the Northe syde of the Church, and abouts one of the mene's seates in the midle of the Church, at *xviijd.* the yeard, *xxvjs.* ; for newe benches in Mistris Dedicotte's seate *ijs.*, for *vij* payer of Waynescote and hynges *ijs. iiijd.*, for nayles vsed abouts the said

seates and in Amending some other seates in the
 churche xvjd., in toto xxxijs. viijd.
 Item payd for a Deske for the Communion table xd.
 Summa totallis of the allowance and Payementes iiij*li*. xs. iijd.
 Sum totall of all Recepts being my full chardg xj*li*. iijs. iijd.
 So that there remayneth clerely in my handes all
 thinges discharged to be answered and payd to the
 parishe at this my Accompt vj*li*. xiijs.

Payd and discharged.

So the whole Summe nowe comyng clere to the
 churche, althings allowed, ys xij*li*. xvs. iijd.
 Memorandum the said daye, being the xiiijth daye of
 July, 1595, Nicholas Phillipps one of the Collectors
 for the poore made his accompt as followeth,
 videlicet his Receytes xiiijs. jd.
 His Distribucions. xjs. vd.
 So there remayned in his handes for the poore which
 he then delyuered vnto the parishe ijs. viijd.
 Then there remayned to the churche on the whole
 xij*li*. xvijs. xjd.

106*b*. 14^o die Julij 1595. At the same tyme there are of newe
 elected and chosen church wardens for the yere to come
 Mr. Nicholas Archebold and Guthlake Folliott. And there
 are also chosen Collectors for the poore Richard Chelmarshe
 and Steephen Rymyll.

Memorandum that there was geven the said tyme of the
 Accompt by the consent of all the parishioners then
 present, out of the said somme of xij*li*. xvijs. xjd., vnto
 John Newesham who was pressed into Ireland [these two words
 are interlined] in the beginnyng of this presente yere 1595
 a Soldyer for this parishe, and ys returned from thence
 with lycence from his Captayne by reason of sicknes. So
 that the parisheners in regard of his said sicknes haue
 bestowed vpon him vs.

And also there was geven vnto some of the poore of the same
 parishe then present emongest them ijs. xjd.

So all thinges finished at the foresaid Accompt there remayned clere then vnto the Church and parishe xij*li*. xs.

107. [1596.] The true and perfect Accounte of me Nicholas Archbold one of the Church wardens of Sainte Michael's in Bedwardyne nere the Cytie of Worcester in the countye and Dioces of Worcester, Yelded and gyven vpp to the parishenors there vppon Thursdaye the Eyght daye of Julye Anno Domini 1596, for one whole yere's Receiptes, paymentes, and Chardges, by me for and in the behalfe of the said parishe Receaued payd and disbursed as followethe, videlicet,

My chardge in Receiptes.

- Imprimis, Receaued of the parishe 14 Julij 1595 the one moytie of the parishe Stocke then being, videlicet vj*li*. vs., to be ymployed and vsed in and aboutes the busynesses of the church poore and parishenors as neede required and to be accomptable for the same or the remaines thereof and all other Receiptes in this behalfe at the yere's end videlicet at this my Accomt vj*li*. vs.
- Item Receaued 7^o Septembris 1595 of John Brayne of Whitten-ton a legacye of fyftie shillings bequeathed to the parishe in the last will and Testament of Henry Staunton deceased ls.
- Item Receaued of widowe Sallwey at two seuerall Rent dayes, videlicet, at the feastes of Sainte Michael and the Annuntiation last past, 53s. 4*d*. for one whole yere's Rent due to the parishe at the said feastes for the parishe land lyeinge at Clyfton now in her possession liijs. iiij*d*.
- Item Receaued of Mr. George Shipsey for one whole yere's Rent due to the parishe at the severall feastes aforesaid of his nowe dwelling howse within the parishe of Sainte Peter in the Cytie of Worcester 13s. 4*d*. xiijs. iiij*d*.
- Item Receaued from John Chaunce by the handes of John Ballard 14s. due to the parishe vpon Passion Sondaye last past for one whole yere's rent of the howse wherein the said John Ballard late dwelt lyeing and being within the parishe of Saint Hellynes in Worcester xiiijs.

The discharge and payementes.

- In primis layd out at the parishe meeting at Walter Walker's ymediately after our account the last account daye videlicet in Julij 1595 2s. ijs.
- Item gyven to Mr. Fysher our minister 15^o Octobris 1595 by consent of the whole parishe to Augment his small comodity for serving the Cure amongst vs 10s. xs.
- Item payd to Richard Jackson's wife for washeing the surplis and churche Clothes this whole yere past 2s. ijs.
- Item payd for mendyng of the Ballricks of the three bells 28^o Octobris ultimi 4d. iiijd.
- Item payd to a Carpenter for goeing to Clyfton to marke out two trees for the parishe 6d., for falleing the same trees 24 Decembris 12d., in toto 18d. xvijid.
- Item geven to Thomas Lea in tyme of his sicknes in October last 12d., more 6^o Novembris 12d. And geven to buye necessities for his funerall 17^o Novembris 2s. 6d., in toto 4s. 6d. iijs. vjd.
108. Item payd to the Clarke for Rynginge on the 17th of November last beinge the daye solemnized for the Coronation of her Majestie 2s. ijs.
- Item payd for waxe Candells vsed by the minister at prayer tymes at and about Christmas ijd.
- Item payd for two brussches for the Cleane keeping of the Church viijd.
- Item payd for two yeres' Whitson farthings due to Mr. Deane and the chapter of Worcester 5d. each yere, in toto xd.
- Item payd for Scowring the glasse wyndowes against Christmas last ijd.
- Item gyven vpon Good Frydaye last past 12s. to twelve poore people of the said parishe of the Rent Receaued for the howse where in John Ballard lately dwelt within the parishe of Saint Hellen's in Worcester according to the bequest of Doctor Hare in his last will and Testament, videlicet, To widowe Lea xijd., Richard Allen xijd., Edmond Hall xijd., John Chester xijd., Symon Jones xijd., Widowe Harte xijd., Widowe Patten xijd., Anne Coxe xijd., Widowe Shawe xijd., Widowe Elkyngs xijd., John Whitbey xijd., and Richard Jones xijd., in toto 12s.; And the

residue of the rent now payd for the said house being
2s. 7½d thereof was also given the daye aforesaid to
widowe Ford. And 7½d to Edward Davies in regard of
the long sickness of his daughter. And the remanet being
12½ is allowed to the two churchwardens for their
paynes abouts the premises accordinge to the true mean-
ing of the said Doctor Hare in his said will and testament
expressed in this 12½ xiiij s.

Item spent at our reckoning with the minister abouts our
receipts at Easter for bread and wyne 12½ xij s.

Item payd to the officer for fees due vpon the exhibiting of our
bill touching the enquiry and presentment of recu-
sants 6d. And for the churchwardens, and other parish-
eners' cyrcumstances being presenters the same tyme at Walter
Walker's 3s. iij s. 7½d.

Item payd for wryting of the Sentences of holy Scripture abouts
the walls of the church and Chancel and the paynteing
there abouts and for Colouring the gallery 8s. also given
to the paynter's man for his paynes 4d. in toto viij s. iij d.

Item payd to George Crompte the Carpenter for him self and two
men 3 dayes and a half worke abouts the altering of the
stayers of the gallery, hewing the same, and amending some
seates on the south syde of the church. 9s. ; and to Richard
Jackson for his help about that worke 12d. in toto 2s.

Item payd to Thomas Oryen for tymbre used abouts the fore-
said worke 2s. 4d. And for one hundred of boardes there-
abouts 7d. And payd also for nayles used abouts the
premises 2s. 6d. in toto 11s. 10d. xjs. x d.

1086. Item payd to Thomas Oryen for newe waynscotting of one
woman's longe seate on the northe syde of the church, and
one man's seate in the mydle Rowe of the bodye of the
said church, bothe conteyning 4 yeades of waynscotte,
and a waynscotte dore to Dr. Patricke's seate contening
one yead, at 18d the yad. 7s. 6d. and for altering and
amending William Elvyne's seate dore with waynscott 8d,
in toto 8s. 2d. viijs. ij d.

Item payd for two payer of hinges for the said seat dores and
for one other odd hinge to supplie a broken one vpon an
other seat dore, 10d. x d.

Item payd to Fowlk Broughton for tymber to make sleepers for the boording of the Eight longe seates for women on the northe syde of the church 2*s.* 6*d.*, and for saweing thereof, 6*d.* iijs.

Item payd to Thomas Onyon for two hundred and halfe and 14 foote of bowrdes vsed abouts the said 8 seates xvijs.

Item payd for Nayles vsed there abouts, and abouts the amending of some other seates in the church 3*s.* 2*d.* iijs. ij*d.*

Item payd to Richard Corbett the Carpenter for v dayes' worck and halfe abouts the premisses 5*s.* 6*d.*, and to Robert, Thomas Onyon's man, for halfe a daye's worcke in altering and mending the particion of William Elvyne's seate, Dr. Patricke's seate and some other thinges 6*d.*, in toto 6*s.* vjs.

Item payd to George Shewesmith the glasyer for 16 foote quarter of newe glasse in 3 seuerall panes at 5*d.* the foote 6*s.* 9*d.*, for 8 foote of old glasse newe sett in lead and sother at 3*d.* the foote 2*s.*, for takeing downe one pane bonding and scouring and setting of yt vpp 4*d.*, 20 peeces of our owne glasse sett in at *ob.* a peece 10*d.*, lyme and sand there abouts 2*d.*, in toto xs.

Item payd to Henry Allen for mending the pavement of the churche and chauncell 8*d.*, for two pecks of lyme vsed there abouts 2*d.*, in toto 10*d.* xd.

Item payd for wyne fetcht at Walter Walker's for the churche this whole year, 9*s.* 2*d.*, videlicet one quarte of Clarett wyne geuen to Mr. Thornhill the daye he preached at our churche 8*d.*, Bastard wyne for the Communion as followethe at Christmas one pynte, 4^o Aprilis one quarte, 8^o Aprilis one pynte, 10^o Aprilis one quarte, Easter Daye 3 quartes, 18^o Aprilis one quarte and halfe a pynte, 2^o Maij half a pynte, 30 of Maye one pynte, at Whitsontyd one pynt, in toto, 8 quartes and a pynte at 12*d.* the quarte, 8*s.* 6*d.*, in toto 9*s.* 2*d.*, payd ixs.

Summa totalis of payements aforesaid disbursed this whole year 6*li.* 10*s.* 10*d.* vj*li.* xs. xd.

The totall summe of Receiptes come to xv*li.* xd., out of which must be allowed to this Accountant vj*li.* xs. xd. disbursed, So there remayneth to the parishe of this accompte 8*li.* 10*s.* viij*li.* xs.

Memorandum that Guthlak Folliott the other Church warden did deliver vpp to the parishenors of the foresaid parishe the foresaid daye the other moytie of the churche stock, videlicet vj*l*. vs.

So all things accompted for and discharged there remayneth Clyer to the churche and parishe aforesaid at thend and foote of these accomptes xiiij*l*. xvs.

109. [1597.] The true and perfect Accomte of vs Nicholas Archbold and Guthlak Folliott, Churchwardens of the parishe of Sainte Michael's in Bedwardyne nere the Cytie of Worcester, in the countye and dioces of Worcester, yelded and gyven vpp to the parishenors there vpon Thursdaye the xiiijth daye of July, Anno Domini 1597, for one whole yere's Receiptes, payementes and charges by vs for and in the behalfe of the said parishe Receaued, payd and disbursed as followeth, videlicet

Receiptes.

Imprimis receaued in July 1596 by the handes of Mr. John Bland fowerteene poundes fyfteen shillinges (being the parishe Stocke) vpon our seuerall bondes obligatory for our Account to be made this present month of July 1597 xiiij*l*. xvs.

Item Receaued at two seuerall payementes for one whole yere's Rent of the parishe land lyeing at Clyfton in the parishe of Seaverne Stoke nowe in the tenure of Thomas Baker due at the feastes of Saint Michael and Thannuntiacion last past fyftie three shillings fflower pence lijs. iiij*d*.

Item Receaued for one whole yere's Rent due at the seuerall feastes aforesaid for the parishe house in the parishe of St. Peter's in Worcester nowe in the tenure of Mistris Katherine Willis widowe Thirteene shillings fower pence xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item Receaued one whole yere's Rent due vpon Passion Sondaye last past for the parishe house within the parishe of St. Hellen's in Worcester nowe or late in the tenure of John Ballard fowerteene shillings xiijs.

Item Receaued by the handes of Thomas Baker a legacye of tenne shillings gyven to the parishe by the last will and

testament of widowe Sallweye of Clyfton aforesaid Deceased xs.

Item receaued at and abouts Easter last and synce of the Communicants for bread and wyne sixteene shillings eight pence, the one moytie of which deliuered to our Minister, according to the Auncient Custome, thother moytie being 8s. 4d. remayneth nowe to be answered to the parishe

vijs. iiijd.

Item Receaued for seate money as followeth of Richard Waunerton and his wife xijd., of Frauncis Smythe and his wife xijd., of John Strickland's wife viijd., of William Mound vjd., of Steeven Rymell viijd., in toto, 3s. 10d.

iij. s. xd.

Item Receaued of Mr. Edward Archepole for a grave stone taken furthe of the Chauncell and he paveing the place agayne 3s. 4d., which was more than Walter Drewe esteemed yt worthe

iij. s. iiijd.

Summa totallis of Receptes xxli. xviiijd.

1096. Payementes disbursed.

Inprimis layd out at the parishe meeting at Walter Walker's ymediately after our accounte the last account Daye videlicet the 8th of July 1596 ijs.

Item geven to Mr. Fysher our minister the 30th of August 1596, by consent of the parishe to Augement the smalenes of his lyveing amongest vs for serving the said Cure xijs.

Item payd to Richard Jackson's wife for washeing the surplisses and churche clothes this whole yere past ijs.

Item payd to Mr. Warmestreye's office for fees due vppon the exhibiting of the bill of presentment in the last L[ord] Bushopp's visitation xd., And for the presentors' dynners at Walter Walker's 8^o Octobris last 3s. 4d. And payd for a prayer for the church in July 1596, then newly sett furthe vpon the then goeing out of the greate Fleett 2d. And payd since to Richard Lamb for a breve from the office aforesaid, towching abstinence from certeyne meeles and meates, resort to the church, contrybucion to the poore, etc. 6d. And for Whitson farthinges due at Whitsontyd last 5d., in toto 5s. 3d. vs. iijd.

Item payd to John Ocker in July 1596 for 4 hundred and quarter of Bowrdes vsed in and aboutes the bowrding vnder foote, bencheing and a mending of the whole Rewe of seates in the Quayre and church on the South syde thereof, the two Rewes on the north syde of the Quayre, the two seates for the minister and Clark, makeing vp vnder the stayers, and benching the gallery, at 6s. the hundred, 25s. 6d. Sleepers vsed there abouts 5s., and carriage of the premisses from the Keye 12d., in toto, 31s. 6d. Item more for boordes to him 2s. 4d., in toto 33s. 10d.

xxxiijs. xd.

Item payd to Richard Corbett the Carpenter for xv dayes' worcke abouts the said worcke in the church xvs.; geven to Richard Jackson for his paynes takeing there aboutes and at other tymes, 6d.; payd to Thomas Onyon for apeece of tymber and for mending goodwife Phillipps' seate and Phillipp Gardner's seate, over and above 5d. geven by the said Phillipp towards yt, 17d.; And for nayles vsed abouts the said premisses had and fetcht of Warner the naylor, 6s. 6d.; payd to Richard Turner the Smyth for tenne Crampes of Iron and nayles vsed abouts the foresaid seates on the south side of the Quayre, 19d., for one boulte two staples and nayles 12d., one payer of Gymoes and nayles for a seate dore 6d., and to Richard Corbett for hinges for one of the lower seates in the churche 2d.; to Henry Allen for heweing the wall in the quyre seates aforesaid, lyme and plastering it, 12d., in toto 28s. 6d.

xxviijs. vjd.

Item geven to John Sherman and his wife at seuerall tymes in the monthes of October and November 1596, in tyme of their sicknes, by consent of the parishe 5s. vs.

110. Item geven vpon Good Frydaye last past, videlicet the 25th of Marche 1597, xijd., to Twelve poore people of this parishe out of the rent receaued for the howse wherein John Ballard lately dwelt within the parishe of St. Hellen's in Worcester according to the bequest of Doctor Hare in his last will and testament, videlicet to widowe Lea xijd., widowe Harte xijd., widowe Patten xijd., wydowe Ford xijd., widowe Shawe xijd., widowe Elkynes xijd., Richard

Allen *xijd.*, Richard Jackson *xijd.*, Richard Giles *xijd.*, John Sherman *xijd.*, John Chester *xijd.*, Symon Jones *xijd.*, in the whole *12s.*; And the residue of the rent nowe Receuid for the said house being *2s. vjd* thereof was also gyven the same daye to Thomas Moxson, And *vjd.* to John Chamberlayne; And the remanet being *12d.* was and ys to be allowed to the two churchwardens for their paynes abouts the premisses, according to the true meaning of the said Doctor Hare in his last will and testament, in toto *14s.* *xiiij.*

Item payd for a newe Bellrope *18d.*, for a newe ballricke *18d.*, for mending the bell wheele *2d.*, for mending the case for the Communion Cupp *jd.*, To Richard Jackson for Ringeing vppon the 17th daye of November last being a holly daye solemnized for the Coronation of his Majestie *2s.*, for waxe Candells vsed by the minister in the church in the wynter Evenings *2d.*, To George Shewesmithe the glasier for mendyng the glasse wyndowes in the church *xd.*, in toto, *6s. 3d.* *vjs. iijd.*

And for a money bagg for the parishe money *ijjd.*

Item payd for wyne fetcht at Walter Walker's for the churche this whole yere past *11s. 8d.*, videlicet for muskadell one pynte 3^o Octobris *7d.*, more by Richard Jackson one pynte *7d.*, the first of January 3 pyntes *21d.*, 20^o Martii bastard 3 pyntes *18d.*, 24 Martii one pynte *6d.*, 25 Martii beinge Good Frydaye one pynt *6d.*, 26 Martii halfe a pynt *3d.*, 27 Martii being Easter daye 4 quarts *4s.*, 3^o Aprilis one quarte *12d.*, 24 Aprilis halfe a pynte *3d.*, more sythence Easter abouts Whitsontyd one pynte and halfe *9d.*, in toto, *11s. 8d.* *xjs. viijd.*

Summa totallis of payment this yere *vjli. ix.*

The totall Summe of this whole yere's receiptes come to *xxli. xiiijd.* An the totall summe of payementes disbursed come to *vjli. ix.*

So that all things accounted for and discharged there remaineth Clyer to the church and parishe aforesaid by this accompt *xiiijli. vd.*

Whiche Somme of *xiiijli.* was deliuered to the handes of Mr.

John Bland in truste for the vse of the parishe when neede should requier to be readie.

1106. [1598.] The accounte of Morrys Davyes one of the church Wardens of Saint Michael's in Bedwardyne made and delyuered vpp to the parishes in the church there the Third daye of August 1598 as followeth.

Receiptes.

Imprimis Receaued of Mr. Chaunce for one whole yere's rent of the house where in John Ballard late dwelt due vpon Passion Sodaye last past xiijs.

Item Receauid of Mr. Walsingham for one whole yere's rent due at the Feastes of Saint Michael and the Annuntiation last past for the howse where in Mistris Willis late dwelt xijjs. iiijd.

Item Receauid of Thomas Baker the whole yere's Rent due for the parishe lande at Clyfton at the feastes of St. Michael and thannuntiation last past liijs. iiijd.

Item Receauid from Mr. Backhouse 4d. to be distributed emongest the poore of this parishe iijs.

Item Receauid at Easter for bread and wyne of the Communicants 8s. 4d. And also 2s. 6d. of the minister's porcion therein xs. xd.

Item Receauid of Tymothie Ford for hys seate viijd.

of Frauncis Porter for his seate vj d.

of John Gates for his seates xij d.

of Thomas Onyon for a seate vj d.

of Mistris Morgan for a seate vj d.

Summa totall of the Receipts iiij*li*. xviijs. viij*d*.

111. His Payementes.

Inprimis layd out at the visitacion for the church wardens' and syndemen's dynners iijs. iiij*d*.

Item layd out for a pound of suger xx*d*.

Item payd for wyne which was bestowed vpon the bushopp iijs. viij*d*.

Item payd for our bill at the visitacion viij*d*.

Item payd for a prayer booke which was brought to our church by the Apparitor x*d*.

Item payd the xxvth daye of Aprill for wyne xjs.

Item payd the iiijth day of June for wyne	xiiij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to the Clark for his paynes taken the xijth daye of August	xij <i>d.</i>
Item layd out for a bell Rope the xvijth daye of August xvij <i>d.</i> , and a penny for mendinge the Claspe of the byble	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item layd out the iiijth daye of September for a booke to Richard Lambe	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Patten	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to Symon Jones	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to Mr. Fysher our minister the xxiiijth daye of October in Augmentacion of his lyving for servinge the Cure emongest vs	xs.
Item payd to the Ringers the xvijth daye of November ijs., and also for mending the bell ropes iij <i>d.</i> , and a penny for lycker for the bells	ijs. iij <i>d.</i>
Item payd for waxe Candles	ij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to Symon Jones	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to Thomas Noxson	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item layd out for a ballrick	xx <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Halle	xd.
Item more to widowe Hall	xij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to the Clark for the washeing of the surplices and church lynen	ijs.
Item geven to Thomas Noxson	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Cope	xij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Halle	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Ford	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Noxson	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to Thomas Noxson	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Allen	ij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Halle	ij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Noxson	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Halle	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to widowe Cope	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to the Clarke	xij <i>d.</i>
IIII <i>b.</i> Item geven to widowe Patten	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to goodwife Chester	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item geven to wydowe Meredieth	v <i>d.</i>
Item geven to wydowe Langhorne	v <i>d.</i>

Item geven to John Sysemore	vjd.
Item geven to widowe Shawe	vjd.
Item geven to John Bristowe	ij.
Item layd out the vj th daye of Maye for a bell rope	xvj.
Item layd out for a statute booke	ijs. viij.
Item layd out for wyne which was bestowed vpon Master Colles at our goeing to him abouts the parishe busines	xvj.
Item geven to a poore woman which Henry Conwayne had taken in as tenant vnto him, in consideracion that she should de- parte out of our parishe	iiij.
Item geven to widowe Ford	vjd.
Item geven to goodwife Tanner	ij.
Item geven to the Ringers	vij.
Item payd for widowe Halle's rent	vs.
Item geven to Symon Jones	iiij.
Item payd for mending one ballricke	ij.
Item payd for mending the glasse wyndowes	iiij.
Item geven to John Chamberlayne	ij.
Geven vpon Good Frydaye 1598 of the rent of the house wherein John Ballard late dwelt according to the last will and testa- ment of Dr. Hare.	
To widowe Hall xij., widowe Tanner xij., John Sherman xij., John Chester xij., Symon Jones xij., widowe Elkin's xij., widowe Harte xij., widowe Shawe xij., John Sysemore xij., widowe Patten xij., Sybell Naylor xij., widowe Cooke xij., widowe Forde vj., Ales Ford vj., and xij. to the church- wardens.	
Mr. Backhouse money distributed to the poore as followethe, videlicet,	
widowe Noxson iiij., widowe Halle iiij., widowe Elkin's 2d., widowe Shawe ij., Symon Jones vj., widowe Allen 4d., John Baylies ij., John Sysemore ij., widowe Patten 4d., widowe Harte iiij., Ales Ford ij., widowe Meredieth 3d., widowe Cope ij., widowe Ford ij., John Chester 3d., Sybell Naylor ij., in toto	iiij.

Summa totallis iiij*li*. xiiij*s*. iiij*d*.

So all things accompted for and discharged there remaynethe
to the church of this Accomt*s* iiij*s*. iiij*d*.

112. Memorandum that vppon the geveing vpp of this foresaid

Accomt the third daye of August 1598 there was newly elected and Chosen Churchwardens for the yere following Morrys Davis and Nicholas Archebold.

Geven then to goodwife Jackson	xij <i>d</i> .
to John Sysemore	xij <i>d</i> .
to widowe Patten	xij <i>d</i> .
And allowed to Guthlak Folliott for keeping the booke v yerest together	iiij <i>s</i> . ix <i>d</i> .

Memorandum that at the geveing vp of this accomte the parishe Stocke, being xiiij*l*., was brought in by Mr. John Ballard, and deliuered to him agayne to be safely kept for the vse and good of the parishe as occasion should happen.

112*b*. The Accompt of Morrys Davyes, one of the church wardens of Sainte Michael's in Bedwardyne, made and deliuered vpp to the parisenors in the churche there the xiiijth daye of August 1599, as followeth.

His Receiptes.

In primis Receauid of Thomas Baker the whole yere's Rent due for the parishe lande at Clyfton at the Feastes of St. Michael and Thannuntiation last	liij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
Item Receauid of Mr. Walseingham for one whole yere's rent due at the foresaid Feastes for the howse wherein Mistris Willis late dwelt	xij <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
Item Receauid of Richard Honnyett for one whole yere's rent of the house wherein John Ballard late dwelt due to the parishe vpon Passiō Sōdaye last past	xiiij <i>s</i> .
Receauid in Charitie money at Easter	vij <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
Item Receauid of the Collectors	iiij <i>s</i> . x <i>d</i> .
Item Receauid of the Clarke for Ringeing	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item Receauid of Thomas Mynshewe for a seate	v <i>d</i> .
Item Receauid of the monthely contribucion for the poore	iiij <i>l</i> . x <i>s</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .

Summa totall of Receiptes viij*l*. v*s*. iiij*d*.

113. His payementes.

In primis payd to the widowe Elkynes for the keeping of a poore child	iiij <i>l</i> . xvij <i>d</i> .
Item geven to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Richard Jackson	v <i>d</i> .

Item to widowe Ford	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Richard Jackson	v <i>℥</i> .
Item to Richard Jackson	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Richard Jackson	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Patten	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item geven to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item more to widowe Shawe	v <i>℥</i> .
Item geven to widowe Jackson	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Patten	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item geven to John Sysemore	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item geven to the widowe Elkins	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Symon Jones	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Ford	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Patten	v <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Patten	v <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Ford	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Symon Jones	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to John Sysemore	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Goodwife Tanner	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Shawe	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item geven to widowe Elkins	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Symon Jones	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item more to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item more to widowe Shawe	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Symon Jones	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Goodwife Chester	v <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Patten	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item geven to widowe Elkins	v <i>℥</i> .
Item to widowe Shawe	iiij <i>℥</i> .
Item to Symon Jones	v <i>℥</i> .
Item payd for mending the seates	ij <i>℥</i> .
Item payd for a pynte and a halfe of wyne the xiiij th daye of August	x <i>℥</i> . ob.
Item payd for mending the bell ropes	xij <i>℥</i> .
Item payd for a bell rope	ijs.

Item payd for mending the bells	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for washeing the church lynyen	ijs.
113 $\mathcal{b}$. Item payd to the Ringers the xvij th daye of November	ijs.
Item payd for Candles	ij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for Candles Candles [<i>sic</i>]	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for mending the surples	iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for a quarte of wyne	xiiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for the makeing and Waynscote of a newe seate in the Chauncell where Mr. Butler was placed	xs. vj $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for tyles and worck abouts the tyleing	x $\mathcal{d}$.
Item geven to Edward Davies in his sicknes	ijs.
Item payd for a pynte of wyne	vij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for mending of a wooden wyndowe	x $\mathcal{d}$.
Item layd out at the visitacion	xxiiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for wyne on Palme Sondaye	ijs. iiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for a quarte of wyne vpon Shrove Thursdaye	xiiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item payd for fyve quartes of wyne vpon Easter Daye	vs. x $\mathcal{d}$.
Item for a quarte of wyne	xiiij $\mathcal{d}$.
Item more payd for wyne	ijs.
Item payd for a Register booke	xjs.
Item for the wryting thereof	xvs.
Item to the minister to peruse and confers [<i>sic</i>] yt	vs.
Item geven vpon the daye of our election besides 4s. 4 $\mathcal{d}$. then remayning	iijs. v $\mathcal{d}$.

Geven vpon Good Frydaye videlicet 6^o Aprilis 1599 of the rent
of the house wherein John Ballard late dwelt according
to the last will and testament of Dr. Hare.

To widowe Patten xij $\mathcal{d}$., widowe Harte xij $\mathcal{d}$., widowe Allen
xij $\mathcal{d}$., John Sysemore xij $\mathcal{d}$., widowe Elkinnes xij $\mathcal{d}$., widowe
Shawe xij $\mathcal{d}$., Symon Jones xij $\mathcal{d}$., John Sherman xij $\mathcal{d}$.,
widowe Ford xij $\mathcal{d}$., John Chester xij $\mathcal{d}$., widowe Hall xij $\mathcal{d}$.,
widowe Birde xij $\mathcal{d}$., goodwife Tanner vj $\mathcal{d}$., widowe Cooke
vj $\mathcal{d}$. and xij $\mathcal{d}$. to the church wardens.

Sum totall of payements viij*li*. vs. x $\mathcal{d}$. ob.

So this Accomte being fynished there remayneth iiij $\mathcal{d}$. ob.
whiche was then presently geven to the Clarke of the church
for his extraordinary attendance.

114. [1599.] The Accounte of Nicholas Archebold one of the church Wardens of Saint Michael's aforesaid geven vpp as aforesaid the said xiiijth daye of August 1599.

His Receiptes.

Inprimis Receauid by the handes of Mr. Bland the parishe stocke to be ymployed to the vse of the said parishe xiiij*li*.
 Item Receauid for one whole yere's rent of the Tenements lying in Froglande lately purchased for the parishe xxx*s*.
 Summa totallis xv*li*.

Payementes Disbursed.

Inprimis payd for the fee symple of the said Tenement nowe devided into two severall dwellings with the garden therevnto x*li*.
 Item payd to Mr. Wyeat for Advice in frameing the Conveyance for the purchase of the foresaid Tenement and for the first drawght xs.
 Item payd for the engrosseing of the bookes in parchment, videlicet a Deede of Feoffement and Indenture of vses annexed and one bond obligation for further assurance thereof vs.
 Item layd out also for the saffe Carriadge vpp and downe to London bothe of the Conveyance and of the money to be payd there And in attending the sealeing and deliury of the same and in payement of the money, etc. vs.
 Summa xj*li*.

So there remayneth Clyer to the church and parishe aforesaid vpon this Accomte iij*li*. payd and discharged.

Memorandum there are newly elected for churchwardens the xiiijth daye of August Anno 1599 and in the 41th yere of the raigne of our soueraigne ladie queene Elizabeth for the yere to come Mr. Nicholas Archebold and Morrys Davyes.

- 114*b*. A monethlie Ceasement layed and ymposed vpon the parishenors of St. Michael's in Bedwardyne nere the Cytie of Worcester from the xijth of August 1599. Agreed vpon by the Sixe men appointed for the said parishe in the Church there for one yere followeing. The first of which monethes begane 12^o Augusti. The secound moneth 9^o Sept. 7^o Octobris 4^o Novem. 2^o Decemb. 30^o Decemb. 27^o Janu. 24^o Febru.

- bundell 6*d.*, Carriage of the premisses 6*d.*, Lyme one barrell 12*d.*, cariage of the lyme and Sande 3*d.*, in toto vijs.
- Item payd for 6 hundred and halfe of Tyles 8*s.* 1*d.*, Sande 5 strickes 5*d.*, carriage of the premisses 10*d.*, Claye 3 loades 3*s.*, 4 Crestes and 4 gutter tyles 9*d.*, stone 2 loads 2*s.* 4*d.*, Carriag thereof 12*d.*, in toto 16*s.* 5*d.* *ob.* [*sic*] predictorum xvjs. iiij*d.*
- Item payd 22^o Septembris 1599 predicte, to Richard Evans pargetter and his man for 2 dayes' wourke and halfe abouts tyleing and quyneing the Sills of the foresaid howses iijs. ix*d.*
- Item payd to George Shewesmyth the Glasier for 36 quarries abouts the wyndowes of the church and chauncell 3*s.*, newe glasse two foote and halfe in the high wyndowe on the South syde of the church 12*d.* *ob.*, one pane of the same wyndowe being 3 foote newe sett in leadd 9*d.*, 8 quarryes and amending the rest of that wyndowe 12*d.*, nayles vsed there abouts 3*d.*, And for a mending the broken places abouts the wyndowes ultimo Augusti 1601 4*d.*, in toto vjs. iiij*d.*
- Item payd to Thomas Coxe and David [*sic*] the one 5 dayes the other 6 dayes abouts the altering of the seates in the middle Rowe of the bodye of the churche in Aprill 1601, and thereby gayneing one whole newe seate xjs.
- 116*b.* Item payd for tymber from Thomas Onyon vsed there abouts 16*d.*, and Rayles and bourdes from Morrys Davies aforesaid 3*s.*, in toto iijs. iiij*d.*
- Item payd to Thomas Onyon for waynscotting two of the lower seates in the midle Rewe of the Churche and one of the long seates on the northe syde thereof and for newe dores and waynscott thereto xs.
- Item payd to him for amending the deske in the chauncell 6*d.*, amending the beare 10*d.*, and for footeing a tressell 4*d.*, in toto xx*d.*
- Item payd to goodman Turner the smythe for nayles vsed abouts the foresaid wourke and other needefull places abouts the churche in amending of seates and seate dores etc. 2*s.* 1*d.*, for 4 payres of Gymoes and nayles thereto 2*s.*, And for altering and amending the locke for the Evidence

Besydes Thomas Mynshewe oweth for his wiff's place 4*s*.

Receauid in toto 17*s*. 6*d*. xvijs. vjd.

Item Receauid of the parties followeing of the monethly Contribution for the poore as appeareth by a particuler booke or note thereof herevnto annexed, videlicet of Mr. Thomas Spackman 6*s*., of Nicholas Archebold one of the nowe Accountants 9*s*. 8*d*., of Walter Walker 9*s*. 8*d*., of Morrys Davies the other Accountant aforesaid 6*s*., of William Ellvyns 7*s*. 3*d*., of John Shellvocke 20*d*., of Tymothie Fowrd 4*s*. 4*d*., of Thomas Onyon 4*s*., of John Steevens 2*s*. 2*d*., of Richard Wannerton 2*s*. 2*d*., of Walter Drewe 18*d*., of Christofer Courte 2*s*., of John Abrey 2*s*. 2*d*., of William Greeneslade 2*s*. 2*d*., of Frauncis Porter 6*d*., of Henry Rowbridg 6*d*., of William Whoopper 12*d*., of Thomas Spellsbury 15*d*., in toto 3*l*. 4*s*. iij*l*. iiij*s*.

Item Receauid from the right Reverend father in God the L[ord] Bushopp of Wigorn 24^o Decembris 1599, to be given and distributed amongst the poore of the said parishe 13*s*. 4*d*., And 23^o Decembris 1600 20*s*. to be gyven and distributed as aforesaid, in toto xxxiijs. iiij*d*.

Summa totalis of the whole receiptes xix*l*. xs.

116. Payementes and Disbursementes.

Inprimis layd out at the parishe meeting the last account daye, videlicet 14^o August, 1599 ijs.

Item payed to Gilbert Ancrett alias Dudcott for Carpenters' wourke, 12 dayes, videlicet, 28^o, 29, 30, 31 Augusti 1^o, 3^o, 4^o, 5^o, 6^o, 7^o, 8^o, et 10 Septembris, 1599, 12*s*. for his man 10 of the first foresaid dayes 8*s*. 4*d*. abouts the Sylling, repayreing and amending of the parishe howse lyeing in Froglande, any for nayles vsed thereabouts 11*d*. in toto xxjs. iiij*d*.

Item payd for tymber had from Morrys Davies aforesaid abouts the said wourke 30*s*., for one other peece bought of Henry Strickland 12*d*., and for a pole to make a Rafter 9*d*., for Carriage of Tymber from the Sawe pitt to the said howses 12*d*., in toto xxxijs. ix*d*.

Item payd for a quarter of Chosen harde woode for studds etc. 15*d*., 14 bundells of wynding Rodds 3*s*. 6*d*., lathes one

to the order by them sett downe and for the exhibiting thereof into the office above at London, the first 4*d.*, the two letters 12*d.*, and the 4th 6*d.*, a bottelle of Sacke carried to Mr. Coventry's in September aforesaid at his penneing of the order for the said parishe lande 18*d.*, and to his Clarke for engrossing the said order in parchement 4*s.*, in toto xiijs.

Item payd to Edward Alyes, one of Mr. Coventrye's Clarkes for a Coppie of the order aforesaid forthe of petty bagg office or Chauncery 4*s.*, for Search there abouts in that office 16*d.*, to him selfe for his paynes taken therein and for deliuering into the said office and procuring some of the Commissioners' hands above there to 3*s.* 4*d.*, in toto

viijs. viij*d.*

Item payd to Mr. Georg Langford at Easter tearme last his fee as an Attorney in the behalfe of the parishe to prosecut the brech of the order aforesaid before my L[ord] keeper in the Chauncery iijs. iiij*d.*

Item given to Mr. Richard Hill our Minister towards the Augmentation of the smalenes of his lyveing and benefitt amongst vs in this parishe for theis two yeres last past aforesaid xxiijs.

Item given to wydowe Elkins 14^o Augusti 1599 being the last accomte daye 4*d.*, 17^o Novembris 1600 4*d.*, 29^o Augusti 1601 6*d.*, in toto xiiij*d.*

Item geven to her 16^o Septembris 1599 by the parishe consent in her daughter's sicknes 3*d.*, and so weeckly 3*d.*, for 40 weekes togeather 10*s.*, and towards his daughter's cureyng 2*s.*, in toto xijs.

117*b.* Item payd to the said widowe Elkyns for dyett and keeping of a poore Child leafte vpon the chardge of the parishe at 11*d.* the weecke from the 14th of August 1599 till this secound of September 1601, every Saturday, being two yeres and three weeckes, videlicet 107 weeckes, in toto vii. vijs.

Item given to John Bristowe 10 Septembris 1599 by consent of the parishenors to bringe him to the bathe for Recouerey of his legg xs.

Item given to him at seuerall tymes in his sicknes in the begyning of Marche 1600 xij*d.*

- Item given to Symon Jones ultimo Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 2*d.*, 6^o Maii 1600, at her lyeing in Childbed 6*d.*, ultimo Octobris 1600 4*d.*, 17^o Nouembris 3*d.*, 2^o Febru. 4*d.*, 24 Febru. 4*d.*, 10^o Julij 1601 6*d.*, 14^o August 6*d.*, 24 August 6*d.*, 29 August 3*d.*, in toto *iijs. xjd.*
- Item payd to Symon Jones aforesaid for John Bristowe his lodgeing 4*d.* weekly every Satterdaye from the 22th of Marche 1599 being Easter Eve till this secound of September 1601, being 76 weekes, in toto *xxvs. iiij*d.**
- Item given to wydowe Patten 14^o August 1599 12*d.*, vltimo Octobris 3*d.*, 17^o Novem. 3*d.*, 24^o Decemb. 6*d.*, 2^o Januarii 4*d.*, 5^o Febr. being Shrovetuesdaye 3*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 3*d.*, 17^o Novem. 4*d.*, ultimo Januarij 4*d.*, 24 Febr. being Shrove Tuesdaye 3*d.*, 29^o Augusti 1601 6*d.*, more to her 3*d.*, in toto *iiijs. vjd.*
- Item given to her by Christofer Lawrence 8^o Martii 1600 in her sicknes 6*d.*, and so weekly 6*d.* for 6 weekes together, in toto *iijs.*
- Item given to John Chester 14^o Augusti 1599, being the last Accomte daye *iiij*d.**
- Item given to widowe Jackson 16^o Septembris 1599 in her sicknes 4*d.*, and to her daughter 19 Septembris towards her buryall 12*d.*, in toto *xvj*d.**
- Item given to Philipp Gardner at seuerall tymes in his sicknes in November, December, and January 1600, 6*s.*, and to his wydowe ultimo Januarii towards his buryall 2*s.*, more to her 29^o Augusti 1601 6*d.*, in toto *viijs. vjd.*
- Item given to widowe Shawe vltimo Octobris 1599 4*d.*, 17^o Novembris 4*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 4*d.*, 17^o Novembris 4*d.*, 2^o Febru. 4*d.*, and at seuerall tymes in her sicknes in the begynning of Lent 1600 12*d.*, 10^o Julij 1601 3*d.* *ijs. xjd.*
118. Item given to widowe Fowrd vlt. Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 4*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 3*d.*, 17^o Novemb. 4*d.*, 8^o Martii 4*d.*, 29^o Augusti 1601 2*d.*, in toto *xx*d.**
- Item given to wydowe Bird vltimo Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novemb. 3*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 3*d.*, 17^o Novemb. 3*d.*, 29^o Augusti 1601, 2*d.*, in toto *xiiij*d.**
- Item given to John Baylyes 21^o Martii (Stylo Angliæ) 1599, beinge Good Frydaye *vjd.*

Item given to Wydowe Harte vltimo Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 3*d.*, 2 Januarij 3*d.*, 5^o Februarij 3*d.*, in toto xij*d.*
 Item given to widowe Allen vltimo Octobris 1599 4*d.*, 17^o Novembris 4*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 4*d.*, 17^o Novembris 4*d.*, 2^o Februarii 4*d.*, And in her sicknes 9^o Martij 4*d.*, 15^o Martij 6*d.*, 29 Augusti 1601 3*d.*, in toto ijs. x*d.*
 Item given to wydowe Halle vltimo Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 4*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 3*d.*, 29^o Augusti 1601 3*d.*, in toto xvj*d.*
 Item given to wydowe Tanner vltimo Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 3*d.*, 21 Martij beinge Good Frydaye 1599 6*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 3*d.*, 29^o Augusti 1601 3*d.*, in toto xxj*d.*
 Item given to widowe Cooke vltimo Octobris 1599 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 3*d.*, vltimo Octobris 1600 3*d.*, 17^o Novembris 3*d.*, 2^o Januarii 1599 3*d.*, 29 Augusti 1601 3*d.*, in toto xvij*d.*
 Item given to Raphe Fynton in February 1600 in the tyme of his sicknes at seuerall tymes xij*d.*
 Item given on the Frydaye commonly called Good Frydaye 21^o Martij Stylo Anglie 1599, the Rent Receauid for the parishe house being in the parishe of Sainte Hellen's in Worcester now in the tenure of Richard Honnyett and some tyme in the tenure of John Ballard According to the bequeast of Doctor Hare doner thereof in his last will and Testament to the poore people following of the said parishe, videlicet to

widowe Allen	12 <i>d.</i>	wydowe Fowrd	12 <i>d.</i>
widowe Harte	12 <i>d.</i>	wydowe Bird	12 <i>d.</i>
widowe Patten	12 <i>d.</i>	John Chester	12 <i>d.</i>
widowe Halle	12 <i>d.</i>	John Sysemore	12 <i>d.</i>
widowe Shawe	12 <i>d.</i>	Symon Jones	12 <i>d.</i>
widowe Elkyns	12 <i>d.</i>	John Sherman	12 <i>d.</i>

The residue of the rent being 2*s.*, 6*d.* thereof to widowe Cooke and 6*d.* to widowe Jackson. And thother 12*d.* allowed to the Churchwardens according to the said will of Dr. Hare, in toto xiiij*s.*
 118*b.* Item given on Good Frydaye x^o Aprilis 1601, the Rent of the

119. Summa totalis of Receiptes xix*li*. xs.
 Summa totalis of the Payments xxiiij*li*. xviijs. viij*d*.
 Geven athe same tyme to widowe Patten by consent of the
 parishenors then present and deliuered to Christofer Lawrence
 for her xvj*d*.

So that vpon this Accompte the parishe resteth indebted to
 Mr. Nicholas Archebold one of the Churchwardens aforesaid
 as appeareth iiij*li*. xs.

Memorandum that there is oweing to the parishe by Thomas
 Baker for one halfe yere's rent due for the parishe lande
 in Clyfton at Thannuntiacion last, videlicet this present
 yeare 1601, which according to his old Lease ys xxvjs. viij*d*.
 But according to order of the L[ord] Bushopp and other her
 Majesties Commissioners in pios vsus sett downe in September
 1600. The same ys and ought to be 3*li*. 6s. 8*d*. iiij*li*. vjs. viij*d*.

Memorandum this Accomte was publiquely and distinctly
 read over, pervsed, considered of dyligently, the Second
 of September 1601 in the parishe church of St. Michael
 aforesaid after publique notyce in the Church the Sondaye
 before, geven according to the Awncyent Custome. And
 accordingly approved and allowed of by vs then present
 videlicet,

Richard Hill minister then	Christofer Lawrence
Henry Mowle	Robert Carrington
Walter Walker	Thomas Mynshewe
William Brooke	John Shelvocke
Richard Chelmarsh	Griffith Rowland
John Ocker	William Buller
John Abrey	

Memorandum there are newly elected Churchwardens for
 the yere to come Morrys Davyes and Guthlak Follyott.

119*b*. [1601.] A monethly Ceasement layd and ymposed vpon
 the parishenors of Saint Michael in Bedwardyne nere the
 Cytie of Worcester from the xvth daye of November 1601,
 and agreed vpon by the sixe men appoynted for the said
 parishe in the church there for three months from the Feast
 of All Saintes last past and towards the Relieffe of the poore
 people of the said parishe.

Michaellmas and Christmas 1602, Annuntiation Midsomer
Michaellmas and Christmas 1603, in toto xxxs.

1206. Receauid of John Longe quarterly 3s. for that parte of the
parishe house wherein he nowe dwellethe being in Frogg Lane
in the parishe of St. Peter's aforesaid, due quarterly at the
seuerall quarters followeing, videlicet Michaellmas and Christ-
mas 1601, Annuntiation Midsomer Michaellmas and Christ-
mas 1602, Annuntiation 1603, in toto xxjs.

Et debet ptoibus [*sic*] vltimi quarteris ix.

Receauid at the Feast of Easter 1602, of the Communicants for
bread and wyne 16s. 8d. The moytie thereof was geuen to
Mr. Hill our minister according to the vsuall maner. And
the other moytie being 8s. 6d. ys nowe to be answered vpon
this accompt vijs. vjd.

Receauid for Seat money as followeth videlicet of

Robert Kettle	xijd.	William Walle	vjd.
Thomas Goffe	xviij.	Steeven Farr	vjd.
John Jenkins	vjd.	John Somner	iiij.
Raphe Bagnall	xijd.	Henry Dugger	xijd.
John Chappell	xijd.		

in toto vijs. viij.

Receauid of the monethly Contrybucions for the poore as
apeareth by the particuler note hervnto annexed xxiijs. viij.

Receauid of Robert Creswell the parishe Clerke at seuerall
tymes for Ryngeing according to an order made within our
parishe vjs. viij. ob.

Receauid from the Reuerend father in god Gervas Lord Bus-
shop of Worcester the 22 daye of December 1602 the some
of xxs. to be devided emongest the poore of this parishe,
which was bestowed as in the distribucions hereafter followeth
xxs.

Receauid from the said Reuerend father in God Gervas lord
busshopp of Worcester the 23 daye of December 1603 the
some of xxs. to be devided emongest the poore of this
parishe which was bestowed as in the distribucions hereafter
followeth xxs.

Receauid from the Executors of Mr. Thomas Chaunce the
4th daye of October 1603 the some of xxs. to be devided

amongest the poore of this parishe which was bestowed as in
the distribucions hereafter followeth xxs.

121. Receauid of Thomas Baker being Tenaunte to the parishe of
the land at Clyfton the xxth day of December 1603 for two
and Twentye trees sold to him out of the said ground to be
by him fallen and carried away within the compas of two
yeres for the said xxth day of December 1603 iij*li*.

Summa totall of Receiptes

xxij*li*. vjs. vd. ob.

Payments and disbursementes.

Inprimis payd to the wydowe Elkins for the dyett and keeping
of a poore childe leaft vpon the parishe at 12*d*. the wicke
and geven to her at seuerall tymes since the last accompt

13*s*. 7*d*.

Item payd to the widowe Usherwood for the dyett and keeping
of the foresaid poore child for a certeyne tyme since the
last accompt and geven to her at seuerall tymes since

22*s*. 6*d*.

Item paid for Fryse to make the poore child a Coate and
for Clothe to make him two shirtes and for makeing of the
same 4*s*.

Item payd for the dyett and keeping of the foresaid child for
fyve weeckes at 8*d*. the weecke since yt came from wydowe
Vsherwood in toto 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item payd to Symon Jones 4*d*. weeckly for John Bristowe's
lodging since the last accompt and geven to him at seuerall
tymes 25*s*. 8*d*.

Item geven to wydowe Patten at seuerall tymes since the last
accompt 2*s*.

Item geven to wydowe Shawe at seuerall tymes since the last
accompt 12*d*.

Item layd out when Joane Goodyeare was wrongfully put vnto
the parishe to be Releeved 3*s*. 4*d*.

Item payd at Walter Walker's for wyne fetchet for the church
at seuerall tymes

Item layd out at seuerall tymes since the last accompt in
reparacions about the belles 5*s*. 5*d*.

- 121*b*. Item payd to Robert Creswell the parishe Clerke for ringeing

from the 17 daye of November 1601 to 22. and likewise the
17 daye of November 1602 to 22. being the dayes of the yere
designated for the daye of our late Queene Elizabeth
deceased her Coronacion in 1600 4s.

Item layd out at the visitacion at three severall meetings
concerning the same 2s. 6d.

Item given to the Frydaye community called Good Frydaye
being the second daye of April 1602 the rent reserved
for the parische house lying in the parische of St. Hellyne
in Westminster now in the tenure of Richard Honnyett
according to the bequest of Doctor Hare donee thereof
by his last will and testament to the poore people
followeing of the said parische videlicet

widowe Patten	xijd	widowe Cooche	xijd
widowe Elkins	xijd	widowe Foord	xijd
widowe Shave	xijd	widowe Bird	xijd
widowe Allen	xijd	Symon Jones	xijd
widowe Visherwood	xijd	John Syscmore	xijd
widowe Hall	xijd	Goodwife Tanner	xijd

The residue of the rent being ij. s. sixpence thereof to Goodwife
Lynna and vjd. to John Bristowe and the other xijd.
allowed to the churchwardens according to the said will
of Doctor Hare, in toto xiiij. s.

Charges layd out the 17 daye of January 1602 and since in
sueing out a commission against Mr. Chaunce for the
making of a newe deede of feoffment for our parische
land at Clyfton as foloweth, videlicet

Imprimis the expences of Guthlak Foliott for his dyett in goeing
to Ludlowe at that tyme 3s. 4d.

Item payd to the Counsellor and Clerkes and for other fees
and charges at that tyme 9s. 6d.

Item layd out at the vijth daye of February to my lord
Bushopp's Clerk and in other necessities toucheing the
said Commission 13s. 6d.

Item layd out for wryting the newe deede of feoffment
and for other things concerning the effecting and fynishing
of the same 14s.

tem layd out for a deputation vnder the Common Seale of the Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Worcester concerning the house geuen to this parishe by Doctor Hare for fees of the Seale and for wryting the said Deputation

22s. 6d.

Item payd to Thomas Spilsbury Constable for a proclamacion for waightes and measures 8d.

122. Item geuen on the Frydaye commonly called Good Frydaye being the 22 daye of Aprill 1603 the rent reserved for the parishe house lyeing in the parishe of Saint Hellyne in Worcester nowe in the tenure of Richard Honnyett, according to the bequest of Doctor Hare doner thereof by his last will and Testament, to the poore people followeing of the said parishe videlicet

widowe Patten	xijd.	widowe Foord	xijd.
widowe Elkins	xijd.	widowe Gardner	xijd.
widowe Coocke	xijd.	Symon Jones	xijd.
widowe Halle	xijd.	John Sherman	xijd.
widowe Pearson	xijd.	Goodwife Lynyall	xijd.
widowe Bird	xijd.	John Bristowe	xijd.

The residue of the rent being ijs., sixepence thereof to widowe Meredieth and vjd. to Christofer Lawrence, and the other xijd. allowed to the Churchwardens according to the said will of Doctor Hare, in toto xiijs.

The xxs. which was geuen by Mr. Chaunce to the poore of this parishe at the tyme of his death was distributed as followeth

widowe Foord	xijd.	widowe Hall	xijd.
widowe Patten	ijs.	Goodwife Lynyall	xijd.
widowe Elkins	xvijd.	widowe Pearson	ijs.
Symon Jones	ijs.	widowe Meredieth	xijd.
widowe Bird	xijd.	widowe Vsherwood	xijd.
John Sherman	xijd.	John Bristowe	xijd.
widowe Coocke	xvijd.	Richard Brewear	vjd.
Goodwife Mond	xijd.	Margaret Williams	vjd.
Robert Robinson	xijd.	in toto	xxs.

Given by the Reverend father in God Gervas lord bushopp
of Worcester the 22 daye of December 1602 the somme
of xxx. which was bestowed amongst the poor of this
parishe as followeth

widowe Elkins	xvijs.	John Sherman	xd.
widowe Shave	xvijs.	widowe Hill	viijs.
widowe Patten	xvijs.	widowe Tanner	viijs.
Symon Jones	xvijs.	widowe Pearson	viijs.
widowe Foord	xiijs.	Margett Williams	viijs.
widowe Bird	xiijs.	Rowlan Lynyall	viijs.
widowe Vsherwood	xijjs.	Francis Pharo	viijs.
widowe Cooke	xijjs.	Richard Brewear	viijs.
widowe Gardner	xijjs.	John Bristowe	viijs.
Margett Gough	xijjs.	Goodwife Mond	viijs.
widowe Meredieth	xd.	Robert Robinson	viijs.

122^h. Given by the Reuerend father in God Gevas lord bushopp of
Worcester the 23 daye of December 1603 the Somme of
xxx. which was bestowed amongst the poore of this parishe
as followeth.

widowe Elkins	ijs.	Thomas Tanner	viijs.
widowe Patten	ijs.	widowe Pearson	viijs.
Symon Jones	ijs.	Margett Williams	vjs.
widowe Foord	xiijs.	Rowland Lynyall	xd.
widowe Bird	xiijs.	Frauncis Pharo	viijs.
widowe Vsherwood	xvijs.	Richard Brewear	xijjs.
widowe Cooke	xijjs.	John Bristowe	viijs.
widowe Meredieth	xd.	good wife Mond	xd.
widowe Sherman	vjs.	Robert Robinson	vjs.
widowe Hall	viijs.	Raphe Fynton	xijjs.

Item payd for mending the bell wheele 6d., for a newe sturopp
for one of the bells and for nayles 5d., for a bell ropp 20d.,
and for mending one of the bell ropes 3d., in toto ijs. xd.
Item for mending the glasse wyndowes about the church at
two seuerall tymes iijs. ijjs.
Item payd for wyne at three seuerall tymes xjs. vjs.
Item geven to John Sherman in tyme of his sicknes 4d., and
payde for a Shroode for him 2d., in toto xvjs.

Item geven to Symon Jones at three seuerall tymes	xij <i>d</i> .
Item geven to John Bristowe 2 <i>d</i> . a weeck from the 10 th July for 28 weeckes	iiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item geven to Raphe Fynton being sick	xij <i>d</i> .
Item geven to Richard Brewear in tyme of his sicknes	viij <i>d</i> .
Item spent at our goeing to Clyfton about the parishe busines	xiiij <i>d</i> .
Item spent at the same tyme at widowe Walker's	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item layd out at the breaking vpp of the boxe	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payd to Christofer Courte for keeping of the poore child with dyett for sixe weeckes	iiijs.
Item payd to the said Christofer for takeing the said child to be his Apprentes according to an Agreement with the parishe- nors	xxs.
Item payd for makeing of a payer of Indentures for the boye	xij <i>d</i> .
Item payd for hinges for two seates in church	vj <i>d</i> .

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